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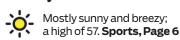
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WAR IN UKRAINE

Russians could adjust tactics

INSIDE: A sprawling Soviet-era steel factory that is sheltering thousands of soldiers and civilians, officials say, is the last Ukrainian redoubt in the ravaged city of Mariupol, where the aim by Russians to take full control of the city appears to be entering its final stages. Page 4

Ukrainian, US officials: Eastern offensive to be more methodical, marked by 'shaping operations'

By Thomas Gibbons-Neff and Michael Schwirtz The New York Times

KHARKIV, Ukraine — Russia's initial invasion of Ukraine in February relied on a rapid advance of tanks and helicopter assaults deep into the country — two strategies that ultimately failed and cost Moscow a significant number of casualties.

Now Russia has launched a new campaign with a narrower goal focused primarily on capturing Ukraine's east, and it promises to be much more methodical, according to Ukrainian and U.S. officials.

Instead of lightning attacks from the Russian front lines, Moscow's forces – arrayed in a semicircle that stretches west to east from the city of Izyum to Sievierodonetsk have increased their artillery

barrages and sent small detach-

ments of troops to probe Ukrainian lines. Many of the Ukrainian troops that are in this region, known as the Donbas, are entrenched in earthworks that have been there for the better part of a decade.

Known as "shaping operations" in military circles, these smaller Russian attacks are often

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More than a dozen businesses in Hartford will share in a \$1.5 million round of grants to occupy vacant storefronts







By Kenneth R. Gosselin | Hartford Courant

s Hartford seeks to regain the momentum behind its revitalization that was lost to COVID-19, city officials Tuesday announced another \$1.5 million in grants from city pandemic-relief funds to spur the filling of vacant storefronts. Tuesday's announcement was rolled out in a restaurant space near the corner of Trumbull and Church streets downtown that was a casualty of the pandemic. The space is now being converted to a seafood restaurant by up-and-coming restaurateur Gina Luari, with the help of one of the grants.

As Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin heralded a second round of 15 grants

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What's on tap for storefronts

1. This former Dunkin' Donuts at 485 Main St. in Hartford will become a Creole grill and bar. 2. Taste 111, a "grab-and-go" shop for lunch. will occupy the corner of Trumbull and Pearl

streets in downtown Hartford.

3. This vacant storefront at 1631 Park St. in Hartford will become a clothing store. 4. A distillery will occupy space at 30 State House Square in downtown Hartford, where there was once a restaurant.

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CORONAVIRUS

Hospitals maintain masking mandate

As state rules lapse, health centers say it's no time to let up

By Alex Putterman Hartford Courant

Despite the expiration of a statewide masking requirement in hospitals and nursing homes, Connecticut's major hospitals say they will continue to mandate masks until COVID-19 numbers drop further.

Officials at Hartford Health-Care, Yale New Haven Health and Trinity Health of New England all said Monday that they will continue requiring masks, at least in clinical settings.

"It doesn't really make sense, especially in the health care environment, to loosen restrictions when we know the virus is spreading more rapidly," said Dr. Syed Hussain, chief clinical officer of Trinity Health of New England. "If anything, we need to double down on those measures."

Meanwhile, masking requirements will also remain in place in Connecticut nursing homes under federal rules.

"The pandemic is not yet a thing of the past for Connecticut nursing home residents and staff," Matthew Barrett, CEO of the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities, said in an email. "In the short term we can expect continued and appropriate use of masking in nursing homes, even as we can see a pathway to loosening of masking in the future as recovery from the pandemic continues."

Connecticut's Department of Public Health announced last week that several of Gov. Ned Lamont's pandemic-related executive orders would

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Rise in untraceable 'ghost guns' alarms Connecticut police

By Taylor Hartz Hartford Courant

Police walked into a home in New Britain this month and allegedly seized a stockpile of more than 100 homemade guns.

In January, officers walked into an East Hartford home and heard the whir of a 3D printer, allegedly printing more guns right before their eyes. Just four months into the year, these two isolated incidents led to the seizure of more

than 130 untraceable, homemade guns in two Connecticut towns.

Already this year, police in Hartford have seized 20 of these so-called "ghost guns" off city streets, more than three times as many as they did in all of 2019. The guns, often made by 3D printers or ordered piece by piece online in do-it-vourself kits, lack serial numbers that would allow them to be registered and identified.

Authorities seized 29 in the city in 2021 — more than four times as many as the year before.

Across the country last year, police reported about 20,000 suspected ghost gun seizures to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

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Federal funds will go toward river cleanup

Funds from last year's federal infrastructure legislation will help clean up dangerous "forever chemicals" found in the Hockanum River, among other state sites. Connecticut, Page 1

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Lamont pledges to sign key abortion bill passed by House

By Christopher Keating Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - With a major U.S. Supreme Court ruling months away, Gov. Ned Lamont pledged Tuesday to sign a key abortion bill that would be the most consequential in Connecticut in the last 32 years.

After a two-hour debate, the state House of Representatives voted 87-60 for a bipartisan bill that would increase the number of medical professionals allowed to perform abortions and expand abortion-related protections regarding lawsuits. Overall, 14 Democrats voted against the measure, including three deputy House Speakers, while seven Republicans broke with the majority of their party and voted in favor.

Rep. Matthew Blumenthal, the son of the U.S. senator, said the legislature was making the move due to concerns about the upcoming ruling by the Supreme Court and abortion restrictions in other states on an emotional issue on the legal right to abortion access that has been upheld nationwide by the courts for decades.

That right is under threat like never before," Blumenthal told his colleagues on the House floor.

Lawmakers debated the detailed, seven-page bill in a rare discussion at the Capitol as the state's abortion law from 1990 has not been changed in any major way.

In an early test vote on an amendment, the measure passed by 93-54 on mostly party lines with four members absent. The only Democrat who voted with the Republicans was Rep. Trenee McGee of West Haven, who won a special election in December to join the legislature and spoke later against the bill on the

One of the major provisions in the bill would expand the medical specialists who are allowed to perform abortion services allowing advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants and nurse-midwives to provide medication and aspiration abortions in the first trimester.

Amanda Skinner, a nurse-midwife who serves as chief executive officer of Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, said that some women currently wait more than two weeks for a first-trimester abortion because there is a shortage of medical providers. Connecticut would become the 15th state to allow a wider range of medical professionals. including New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

But Christopher C. Healy, a spokesman for the conference that represents the state's Roman Catholic bishops, said additional medical providers should not be involved.

"A midwife is supposed to bring children into the world, not exterminate them," Healy said in an interview outside the House chamber. We can only pray for these people. Why do we need more people in the abortion business? It has to be done with trained people."

Healy said he sees no need for expansion at a time of contraction for the industry.

"Since 2008, eight abortion clinics have closed in our state," Healy said. "Why is this legislation needed so urgently if the number of clinics is shrinking — more than likely due to shrinking demand?

"Around 75% of abortions are performed on low-income women covered by HUSKY, based on information from the Department of Public Health and the Department of Social Services for 2018. This group, which already may be facing inequality in health care due to racial issues, would likely feel the most impact of allowing less qualified providers to perform abortions."

Abortion rights advocates are highly concerned that the U.S. Supreme Court this year might overrule the 1973 landmark Roe vs. Wade ruling - meaning that all 50 states would individually decide the abortion rules in their jurisdiction. "Abortion access is on the line," Skinner told reporters in Hartford. "Connecticut must be a state where abortion care is acceptable without shame,

stigma or fear. "The urgency of this moment is clear. ... Planned Parenthood won't give up. We're in this fight today, tomorrow and for the next 100 years to protect every person's right to safe, legal abortion because abortion is health care and health care is a human right."

Lamont agreed during a news conference at The Lyceum in Hartford.

'We're going to keep coming back, too," Lamont said as he stepped to the podium. "We thought that women had the full range of reproductive choice, going back to Roe v. Wade. going back 50 years when I was young. And it's incredible that it's back on the front burner. It's incredible that the Supreme Court will make the decision that could fundamentally change a woman's right to choose. A majority of the states across the country already have bills passed or about to be passed that would virtually outlaw a woman's right to choose – and we're not going to let that happen in Connecticut."

Despite saying that he would sign the two proposed bills, Lamont said that he had not discussed the details with his chief legal counsel, former federal prosecutor Nora Dannehy.

"Some people say, 'Don't worry. This is Connecticut. This can't happen here,' ' Lamont said. "I see there's a PAC with over \$1 million in it that seems to have a strong anti-choice, anti-gay agenda to it, and the culture wars are lapping up across our shores here in Connecticut."

Another key provision would allow Connecticut to protect the medical records of women who travel here from states like Texas or Louisiana. The information would also be protected from subpoenas in other states.

Rep. Jillian Gilchrest, a West Hartford Democrat, said that some patients from Texas have already traveled to Planned Parenthood in Hartford's North End, but she said she could not say how many out-of-state patients have arrived.

"It's already been happening," said Blumenthal, a Stamford Democrat who is a chief author of the bill.

In addition, if a Connecticut resident is sued under a Texas-style abortion law, the bill would give them the right for a counter-suit in order to recover reimbursement, attorney's fees and costs.

House Republican leader Vincent Candelora of North Branford said he was concerned that the state's

public health commissioner and other members of the Lamont administration have not provided testimony regarding the bill. He is also concerned about the constitutionality of the measure.

"It essentially imposes Connecticut laws on all 50 states," Candelora said. "If you're in Louisiana and they have a parental consent provision for an abortion, and a 13-year-old gets an abortion without parental consent, that 13-year-old sues the doctor and gets a money judgment against the doctor for violating her rights. The doctor can come to Connecticut and sue the 13-year-old in Connecticut to recoup the money that he lost out because Connecticut doesn't have parental consent

"We honor each other's laws. We're the United States of America."

But Blumenthal said he does not have concerns that the bill is unconstitutional. "This bill has been vetted by a number of Constitutional law experts," he said.

Besides the Catholic Conference, one of the leaders in the lobbying against the issue is the Family Institute of Connecticut. The institute was pushing against a constitutional amendment in favor of abortion rights, but insiders said the amendment is not expected to come up for a vote.

Masks

be allowed to expire without an extension, including the one that required masks in hospitals, nursing homes and homeless shelters. As of Friday, DPH recommends masking in health care settings but does not require it.

Dr. Manisha Juthani, the state's public health commissioner, said after more than two years it was time to move on from these mandates.

"We are in a far different place than we were in March 2020 thanks to the tools we have at our disposal, including COVID-19 vaccines, boosters, state supported testing sites and the availability of self-tests," Juthani said.

But top officials at all three of Connecticut's largest health systems say it's not time just yet to ease masking in these settings, especially as COVID-19 cases increase due to the BA.2 subvariant. As of Monday, the state had recorded a seven-day positivity rate of 6.6%, up from 2.5% in mid-March, and 145 patients statewide were hospitalized with the disease.

Dr. Tom Balcezak, chief clinical officer for Yale New Haven Health, said the health system will require masks in non-clinical settings until Connecticut is recording fewer than five daily cases per 100,000 residents (as opposed to 19 currently) and will likely require them in clinical settings for at least

the rest of the year.

"We're not relaxing our masking in clinical areas anytime soon." Balcezak said.

Hartford HealthCare has a somewhat more permissive policy, requiring masks in clinical settings but not for administrative employees who don't see patients. Dr. Ulysses Wu, Hartford HealthCare's chief epidemiologist, said that will remain the case until Connecticut's COVID-19 numbers drop significantly.

"I don't anticipate that

[policy] relaxing in the short term because of BA.2," Wu said. "I believe eventually all health care facilities will get to that point, but now is not the time for a change."

Health care settings remain one of the final places in Connecticut where masks are required. Broad mandates have been lifted in every town and city, as well as in the vast majority of school

At Trinity Health of New England, which operates Saint Francis Hospital among other facilities in Connecticut, masks are required in all clinical and non-clinical settings. Hussain said he expects to be able to lift those rules eventually but that, 'we're not there vet."

"I understand the fatigue and folks being tired, but we provide care to the most vulnerable people who come through our doors," Hussain

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Jean-luc Ballet plans to open a creole restaurant on Main Street in Hartford across from city hall with offerings from his native Guadeloupe, an island in the Caribbean. KENNETH R. GOSSELIN/HARTFORD COURANT

located downtown and in

Hart Lift, a collabo-

ration between the city

and the Hartford Cham-

ber of Commerce, has

now awarded \$2.5 million

in grants to 25 business owners. It was unclear

how many grants would

be sought after the bruis-

ing suffered especially by

small business owners in

"It's exciting to see this

amount of demand for this

Hart Lift partnership,"

Bronin said. "It leverages

private investment. It is a

true public-private part-

qualify for grants up to

\$50 a square foot — up to \$150,000 in total — and

there must be a signed

agreement between the

property owner and the

matched 100% downtown

and 50% in the neighbor-

The grants also must be

Property owners can

the pandemic.

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city neighborhoods.

Vacant

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in the \$6 million Hart Lift storefront program, Jeanluc Ballet looked on from among the entrepreneurs who were grant recipients in this latest round.

Ballet, an immigrant from the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe, a French territory, said he plans to open a restaurant on Main Street in the former Dunkin' Donuts space across from city hall.

"In this area, I'm seeing a lot of Caribbean restaurants - Jamaican, Trinidadian — but there's nothing like where I come from," Ballet said after the announcement. "So I want to do Creole with a little bit of French flavor in it. I just wanted to bring this to Hartford."

Ballet said the food is delightful — he was immersed in it during a recent trip to Guadeloupe – and he is convinced it will be a hit in the city.

The grants announced Tuesday include restaurants, bars, a bakery, a distillery, a clothing shop, an expansion of Connecticut Lighting Center and a laundromat.

The businesses will be

A look at the properties

1.40 AIRPORT ROAD

Neighborhood: South End Business: All My Sons of Hartford Moving and Storage Grant: \$150,000 Operator: Chris Generale **Description:** Moving and storage business for homeowners and businesses.

2.114 ASYLUM ST.

Neighborhood: Downtown Business: Four Dads Pub Grant: \$104.900 Operator: Dante Boffi Description: A pub with food, drinks and live rock and roll music.

3.100 CONSTITUTION PLAZA

Neighborhood: Downtown Business: Aromas Café Grant: \$80.000 Operator: Mahmedarif Bhura Description: A coffee shop that will serve breakfast and lunch.

4.485 MAIN ST.

Neighborhood: Downtown Business: Frenchie's Creole Grill Grant: \$90.000 Operator: Jean-luc Ballet

Description: A restaurant with a Creole touch specializing in chicken in a casual space with a bar.

5.3229 MAIN ST.

Neighborhood: Northeast Business: Tropix Caribbean Grille Grant: \$150,000 **Operator:** Gary Blake Description: Tropix will reopen as a restaurant and bar with a Caribbean menu.

6.312 MURPHY ROAD

Neighborhood: South Meadows **Business:** Connecticut Lighting Center Grant: \$150,000 **Operator:** David Director

Description: Connecticut Lighting will open an new warehouse with a retail space in the front of the building.

7.1200 PARK ST.

Neighborhood: Parkville/Frog Hollow Business: La Casita del Sabor Express Grant: \$62,500 **Operator:** Erick Sanchez **Description:** A fast dining restaurant with a Spanish menu.

8.1605-1607 PARK ST.

Neighborhood: Parkville **Business:** Rinzed Laundromat Grant: \$75,000 Operator: n/a

Description: A full-service laundromat

9.1631 PARK ST.

Neighborhood: Parkville Business: Yardpoker Clothing and Design **Grant:** \$50,000

Operator: Aaron Hill Description: A store with clothing inspired by poker players and the Jamaican culture.

10.1800 PARK ST.

Neighborhood: Parkville Business: name n/a Grant: \$150.000 Operator: Terriann Pasquerell **Description:** A restaurant emphasizing chicken, ribs and chorizo.

11.111 PEARLST.

Business: Taste 111 Grant: \$93,800 **Operator:** Jessica Lyons Description: A shop with "grab-and-go" lunches, organic coffee and boutique liquor and wine.

Neighborhood: Downtown

12.44 PRATT ST.

Neighborhood: Downtown **Business:** Rundown Grant: \$150.000 Operator: Christian Scott Description: A shoe store selling highend sneakers and other footwear and apparel.

13.80 PRATT ST.

Neighborhood: Downtown **Business:** Bloom Bake Shop

Grant: \$54.850

Operator: Monica Beaudoin & Alex Pilon Description: A shop that will offer coffee and baked goods made from

14.30 STATE HOUSE SQUARE

Neighborhood: Downtown Business: State House Distilling Co. Grant: \$150,000

Operator: Aaron Stepka Description: A liquor distilling company

is planned for former restaurant space.

15. 280 TRUMBULL ST.

Neighborhood: Downtown **Business: RAW* Grant:** \$150,000 Operator: Gina Luari **Description:** A restaurant and bar with

seafood on the menu.

SOURCE: Hartford Chamber of Commerce

Firearms and Explosives 2016, according to a statement from the White House. **Authorities in Connecticut** are cracking down on those manufacturing the weapons, including by targeting sale of internet kits.

So far in 2022, police in New Haven have seized 10 ghost guns off the streets. In all of 2021, they seized 15 in the Elm City, up from three the year before. In Waterbury, police have seized four already this year compared to nine in all of 2021 and three in all of 2020. Though ghost guns make up a small number of the guns seized by Hartford police on a regular basis — in 2021 they seized a total of 341 guns — the concern is how quickly the number of ghost guns being

the upward trend of that number," Hartford Police Department Sgt. Christopher Mastroianni said. "There is a trend of it increasing."

licensed gun-owning hunter. they pose a major concern to police: They can't be traced. turer to owner after owner under a cloak of invisibility that makes them all the more

increase in the number of ghost guns out on the streets, and that's reflected in the number of ghost guns

The match must come from the property owner, the business owner or a a combination of the two. Grants must be returned if a business does not ultimately open. Julio Concepción, presi-

dent of the Hartford Cham-

ber of Commerce, said he expects grants will lead to business openings in six months to a year. Hart Lift also is develop-

ing a program to support entrepreneurs, helping to connect them to services they might need as they get their businesses up-and-running, Concep-

Bronin said the goals of

Hart Lift are two-fold: "Not just to repair the damage of the pandemic, but to come back stronger, to activate spaces, some of which became vacant during the pandemic and others that have been vacant for many years before."

Luari, the owner of The Place 2 Be, also plans a Mexican cantina on Main Street in the Sage-Allen Apartment building and a pizzeria in a firehouse on Pearl Street whose upper floors are being converted to apartments. Both of those projects

qualified for grants in the first round. Her seafood restaurant in

the former V's Restaurant space won funding in the second round.

Luari said she is looking

fronts turning into busi-She said she senses more

forward to empty store-

excitement downtown than in a long time, and Hart Lift is playing a major role.

This is huge for us and especially small business," Luari said Tuesday. "I was so lonely down there, and I am so excited to have so many new neighbors.

Guns

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– 10 times as many as in

seized is growing.

"The alarming thing is

He agreed that the most alarming part is the rapid rate at which the number of ghost guns being taken off the street is increasing.
Whether they fall into

the hands of a criminal or a They pass from the manufacdangerous, authorities say.

"We've seen a dramatic

our police have seized the past few years," said Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin. It's an increase that he thinks correlates with an increase

in gun-related crime. "I think you have nearly a tripling in the number of ghost guns seized for two years in a row and I don't think there is any question that the accessibility and availability of guns is a part of the spike in gun violence that cities and communities have seen across the country in the past couple of years," he said.

Parts in big numbers

The massive New Britain bust came after a monthslong collaborative investigation that led police to the home of 39-year-old Steven Gerent-Mastrianni.

Police said they seized 125 guns, a heap of parts that would allow more fully automatic firearms to be made, the 3D printer that made them and three homemade bombs from Gerent-Mastrianni's Hillhurst Avenue home and his car.

The seizure included machine guns and a stockpile of other automatic weapons fit to be fashioned with illegal silencers. Gerent-Mastrianni, a pistol permit holder, faces a long list of charges including the sale of large-capacity magazines, possession of a machine gun and illegal transfer of a manufactured firearm without a serial

"This guy was an entrepreneur. He had a cottage industry going," said James Rovella, commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection during a press conference about the bust last week.

He conducted his own testing, did his own manufacturing and handled his own distribution, Rovella said. He was an alleged one-man gun shop with no legal trace of where the weapons ended up, according to police.

Ghost guns, said Rovella, are typically a combination of parts ordered over the internet and parts that are homemade, like from a 3D printer.

"These guns end up in the wrong hands. They go around our licensing and firearms statutes. They end up in the wrong hands, and sooner or later they're going to end up hurting somebody," he said.

Rovella said the key to tackling the exponential growth of ghost guns is to "trace every one of these guns down to the ground" - to determine who made the parts, who ordered them and whose hands they ended up in. Police are working now to track down where every New Britain-made gun from the home was sold.

Mastroianni said that in January, police traced ghost guns back to an address in East Hartford. When they arrived to search the property, their suspect was running his 3D printer, allegedly printing more guns.

The arrest and seizure stemmed from the exact tactic Rovella explained: They found someone in possession of a ghost gun. asked them where they got it and followed the trail back to where it was made.

"It was kind of a situation where we got one, got another one; we started talking to those people; that led us to an address; that investigation turned into us finding a person 3D printing when we walked through the door," he said.

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the country in the past couple of years."

—Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin

"A small arrest led to another one, to another one," he said. They just kept asking, "Where did you buy it from? Who did you buy it from?"

Though the details of an ongoing federal investigation stemming from the East Hartford incident have not been released, police said they arrested one man and seized eight completed guns many pieced together with differently colored plastics, such as bright yellow and blue – and a massive number of parts and pieces to be made

into ghost guns. Mastrioanni said he thinks the availability and accessibility of 3D printers and internet sellers have led to the quick uptick in the number of ghost guns they're seizing. Anyone who wants a gun, he said, can log on to the internet, order 80 percent of a firearm and then download instructions for how to build it.

His department, he said, is working together with state and federal investigators, including ATF teams, to try to track suppliers who are selling bits and pieces of firearms online.

Bronin said that in Hartford, across the state and nationwide, ghost guns pose a real problem.

"Four or five years ago the problem of ghost guns might have been a theoretical problem or a distant problem. Today it is a very real and present problem," he said.

Stopping the tide

Last week, President Joe Biden announced that his administration would be cracking down on ghost guns in an effort to combat nationwide gun crime.

The U.S. Department of Justice issued a final rule to rein in the ghost gun problem, banning the business of manufacturing highly accessible ghost guns, such as online-ordered "buy build shoot" kits that can be bought without a background check. These kits, said the White House, allow Americans to make their own gun in less than an hour with supplies they likely already have in their homes.

The new rule affirms that these kits qualify as firearms under the Gun Control Act, meaning their makers must be federally licensed, must run background checks on their buyers, and must make their weapons with serial numbers, according to the White House.

The lack of serial numbers on these weapons makes it increasingly harder for law enforcement to trace guns that are found at crime scenes back to their buyer. The rule also requires

federally licensed dealers and gunsmiths to add serial numbers to guns that are already in circulation – such as ghost guns sold to pawn shops — effectively turning ghost guns into serialized, traceable firearms.

Also this year, the DOJ launched the National Ghost **Gun Enforcement Initiative** in February — an intensified effort to deter criminals from using ghost guns to cover their tracks.

Speaking at One Police Plaza in New York City about the initiative, Biden reminded the public that anyone who uses a ghost gun to commit a crime will now face federal charges in addition to state and local pros-

"Ghost guns are the guns everyone in this room knows that can be purchased in parts, assembled at home. no serial number, and can't be traced. And they're as deadly as any other weapon out there. But the fact is they are out there," said Biden.

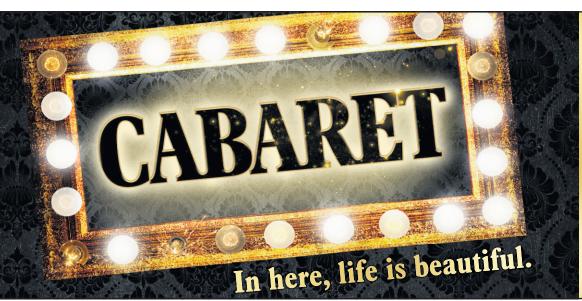
The new initiatives are part of an effort to keep guns out of the hands of those who should not have them, he said, and revoke the invisi-

bility of the ghostly weapons. Bronin said he's proud of the work police are doing in the city and the state and welcomes any and all action on the federal level to help them tackle the invisible market.

"The ease with which these guns can be procured and manufactured means that [police] are swimming against a very strong tide," he said.

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Appeal on mask rule up in the air

Justice Dept. defers to CDC guidance on the requirement

By Heather Hollingsworth and Teresa Crawford Associated Press

The Justice Department said Tuesday it will not appeal a federal district judge's ruling that ended the nation's federal mask mandate on public transit unless the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention believes the requirement is still necessary.

In a statement released a day after a Florida judge ended the sweeping mandate, which required face coverings on planes and trains and in transit hubs, Justice Department spokesman Anthony Coley said officials believe that the federal mask order was "a valid exercise of the authority Congress has given CDC to protect the public health."

He said it was "an important authority the Department will continue to work to preserve."

Coley also said the CDC had said it would continue to assess public health conditions, and if the agency determined a mandate was necessary for public health, the Justice Department would file an appeal.

As of Tuesday, the agency hadn't made a determination, officials said.

The federal judge's ruling did away with the last major vestige of federal pandemic rules and led to a mishmash of new locally created rules that reflected the nation's ongoing divisions over how to battle the virus.

Major airlines and airports in places like



Passengers in the terminal Tuesday at Reagan Washington National Airport. A judge's decision to strike down a federal mask mandate was met with cheers on some airplanes but also concern that it wasn't time to end the order. **EVAN VUCCI/AP**

Dallas, Atlanta, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City quickly switched to a mask-optional policy. Los Angeles County dropped its mandate for mass transit, and a train conductor in New Jersey told commuters about their masks Tuesday: "Feel free to burn them at will."

New York City, Chicago and Connecticut, however, continued to require masks for travelers.

The ride-sharing companies Lyft and Uber announced on their websites Tuesday that masks will now be optional while riding or driving.

Even Walt Disney World in Florida on Tuesday

announced it was lifting its mask requirement for its monorail, buses and sky gondola.

For many, the news was welcome. A video showed some passengers on a Delta Air Lines flight cheering and applauding as they removed masks upon hearing the announcement they were now optional. One man happily twirled his mask on his finger.

However, Brooke Tansley, a television producer and former Broadway performer, boarded a flight with her 4-year-old and 8-month-old baby—neither old enough to be vaccinated—only to learn that the

mask mandate had ended midflight.

"Here we are, trapped in the sky with our 8-monthold unmasked baby (you can't actually mask a baby that young) under the supposition that everyone who can be masked would be masked, and the flight 325 crew has taken our choices away from us," she said in a tweet. "Very very angry about this."

President Joe Biden went all-in on flexibility Tuesday when asked if Americans should mask up on planes.

"That's up to them," Biden declared during a visit to Portsmouth, New Hampshire. But the White House continues to require face coverings for those traveling with him on Air Force One, citing CDC guidance.

In Portland, Oregon, transit employees were immediately working on taking down "mask required" announcements and signs, but said it would likely take several days to remove everything.

The city joined Atlanta, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Kansas City, Missouri, and two of Alaska's largest cities, Anchorage and Juneau, in making masking optional on mass transit.

Subway rider Cooper

Klinges was pleased that New York City's public transit system wasn't following the trend and planned to keep its mask requirement in place.

As he waited at a train station in the Brooklyn borough of New York, he said he canceled a flight earlier this year over concerns about the virus.

"I don't think we are out of the woods yet," said Klinges, a teacher, citing concerns about the BA.2 omicron subvariant of the coronavirus. "It is still around. We have to still stick it out."

The CDC had recently extended the mask mandate, which was set to expire Monday, until May 3 to allow more time to study the subvariant, which is now responsible for the vast majority of U.S. cases. But the court ruling puts that decision on hold.

After a winter surge fueled by the omicron variant that prompted record hospitalizations, the U.S. has seen a significant drop in virus spread in recent months that led most states and cities to drop mask mandates.

But several Northeast cities have seen a rise in hospitalizations in recent weeks, leading Philadelphia to bring back its mask mandate.

In a 59-page lawsuit ruling handed down Monday, U.S. District Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle in Tampa, Florida, said the CDC overstepped its authority in issuing the original health order on which the TSA directive was based.

She also said the order was fatally flawed because the agency didn't follow proper rulemaking procedures.

Steel factory in Mariupol is shelter and stronghold

Russia starts assault on facility housing fighters, civilians

By Cora Engelbrecht and Andrew E. Kramer The New York Times

A sprawling Soviet-era steel factory that is sheltering thousands of soldiers and civilians is the last Ukrainian redoubt in the ravaged city of Mariupol, where the battle by Russian forces to take full control of the city appears to be entering its final stages.

Russian commanders said Tuesday that they were beginning their assault on the Azovstal steel plant, where the remaining Ukrainian soldiers defending the besieged port city had been joined by 1,000 or more civilians, Ukrainian officials said. The Russians launched a new round of artillery barrages and issued the latest in a series of ultimatums to the fighters in the factory to surrender.

But the Azovstal plant makes for a formidable fortress, an immense industrial complex of thick concrete and walls, steel doors and underground warrens. Yan Gagin, who identified himself as a Russian adviser in the Donetsk People's Republic, a self-declared government backed by the Kremlin, in eastern Ukraine, said in a broadcast report that the steel factory was designed

to withstand a nuclear war.
Frederick Kagan, director of the Critical Threats project at the American Enterprise Institute, said, "I assume the Russians are going to throw everything they have at this, to eliminate this pocket."

But he said doing so could

cost Moscow dearly.

The plant stretches across 4 square miles, a complex of buildings, smokestacks, blast furnaces and stacks of coiled and plate steel, and it has its own port facilities on the Sea of Azov.

One of the largest metal mills in Europe, it produced about 10 million tons of steel a year before the Russian invasion, most of it sent by ship to European customers, according to its owner, Metinvest, a steel and mining conglomerate owned by Ukraine's richest man, Rinat Akhmetov.

man, Rinat Akhmetov.

The network of underground spaces, which is now pivotal to the survival of the holed-up soldiers and civilians, was originally built to transport equipment among buildings and to access the undersides of ground-level

machinery for maintenance, according to Metinvest. There was no planned military use for the underground areas before the war, the company said.

On Tuesday, Russia issued a new ultimatum to the Ukrainian defenders to surrender, saying those who come out will "keep their lives," and said a cease-fire was being declared in the area so the combatants could leave the plant.

The Ukrainians have ignored previous such offers, and there was no immediate confirmation a cease-fire occurred.

The Ukrainians said they did not trust the Russians to honor their promise of safe passage and would likely refuse; they said they were preparing for battle. That sets the stage for a potentially bloody, protracted confrontation whose casualties may include many civilians.

"We are ready to fight to the last drop of blood," Maj. Sergiy Volyna, a Ukrainian officer inside the city, wrote in a Facebook post. Volyna appealed to the United States and its European allies to provide Ukrainian forces with more heavy weapons. "We must know that the world has done everything possible for this."



A Russian-backed government adviser in eastern Ukraine said the sprawling Soviet-era Azovstal steel plant in Mariupol is designed to withstand a nuclear war. **SERGEI GRITS/AP**

The Russians are trying to establish uncontested control of a swath of territory linking the separatist-held regions of Donbas, in southeastern Ukraine, to the Crimean Peninsula, which Russia seized in 2014. The holdouts in Mariupol are the last substantial obstacle to that strategy left in the region.

Russian forces have had the city, a major port, under siege since last month, bombarding much of it to rubble and slowly tightening their grip.

The fight over the Azovstal steel plant recalls

one of the great struggles of World War II, the battle for the Stalingrad Tractor Factory as Nazi Germany's forces attempted to capture the city. Thousands of German and Soviet soldiers died there, as did many civilians, before the Soviets prevailed.

"We've seen this movie before," Kagan said. "Anytime you're dealing with a sprawling, heavy industrial complex, it's going to make a good fighting position for defenders."

Ukraine's intelligence service wrote in a statement Monday that the Russians were preparing to use 3-ton bombs on the plant in an effort to raze it completely. Moscow is "not deterred by the fact that civilians have taken refuge in the plant," the service said in a statement, adding that they were anticipating "3-ton surprises" from the sky.

"You'd be surprised at how well people can survive big bombs in a facility like that," said Kagan, adding that the Russians have not exhibited extraordinary precision in their targeting.

Associated Press contributed.



Pennsylvania pharmacist Karen Flynn gives a second Moderna booster shot. JACQUELINE DORMER/REPUBLICAN-HERALD

Moderna moves toward COVID-19 shot update

By Lauran Neergaard Associated Press

Moderna hopes to offer updated COVID-19 boosters in the fall that combine its original vaccine with protection against the omicron variant.

On Tuesday, it reported a preliminary hint that such an approach that might

Today's COVID-19 vaccines all are based on the original version of the coronavirus. But the virus

continues to mutate, with the highly contagious omicron variant — and its siblings — the latest threat.

Before omicron, Moderna was studying a combination shot that added protection against an earlier variant named beta.

Tuesday, the company said people given that beta-original vaccine combination produced more antibodies capable of fighting several variants — including omicron — than today's regular booster triggers.

While the antibody increase was modest, Moderna's goal is to produce a combination shot that specifically targets omicron.

"These results really give us hope" that next step will work even better, said Dr. Jacqueline Miller, a Moderna vice president.

Tuesday's data was reported online and hasn't been vetted by independent experts.

COVID-19 vaccines still are providing strong protection against severe disease,

hospitalization and death, even against omicron.

That variant is so different from the original coronavirus that it more easily slips past the immune system's defenses, although studies in the U.S. and elsewhere show an original booster dose strengthens protection.

Some countries offer particularly vulnerable people a second booster; in the U.S., that's anyone 50 or older or those with a severely weakened immune system.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Judge denies request to cut bond for parents of suspected shooter

From news services

A judge denied a motion Tuesday to reduce bonds for the jailed parents of a Michigan teenager who is charged in a shooting at Oxford High School that left four of his

fellow students dead. Oakland County Circuit Judge Cheryl Matthews said that James and Jennifer Crumbley's actions before their Dec. 4 arrests in a commercial building in Detroit were meant to conceal their whereabouts.

"The defendants indicate they were devastated when they heard about the alleged actions of their son, felt unsafe in their home, felt hounded by the press and found it necessary to leave," Matthews said. "The chronology of events that occurred subsequent to the defendants leaving their home is not consistent with cooperation with law enforcement."

The Crumbleys had disappeared the day before — after they were charged with involuntary manslaughter. The parents are accused of failing to keep a gun secure at home and failing to reasonably care for their son when he showed signs of mental distress. They have pleaded not guilty.

The Crumbleys' attorneys had requested that their bonds be lowered from \$500,000 each to \$100,000 each. They indicated they would appeal Matthews' ruling on bond and would seek a change of venue as the case heads to trial, which is scheduled to begin Oct. 24.

Ethan Crumbley, who turns 16 next week, is charged with murder and other crimes in the Nov. 30 shooting in Oxford Township.

Grand Rapids shooting: A Michigan police officer who killed Patrick Lyoya after a traffic stop pressed the gun against his head when firing the fatal shot, an expert who performed an independent autopsy for the Black man's family said Tuesday in Detroit.

Dr. Werner Spitz confirmed what was seen last week on video: Lyoya was shot in the back of the head while facedown on the ground during a struggle with a white Grand Rapids officer April 4.

Spitz appeared at a news conference with lawyers for Lyoya's family, who said thev believe video collected and released by police shows that the 26-year-old refugee from Congo was resisting the officer, not fighting him.

Spitz performed the autopsy last weekend at a funeral home. The 95-yearold forensic pathologist participated in the assassination investigations of President John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., among other high-profile

The official autopsy report is part of the state police investigation and hasn't been released to the public.

Lyoya's death has outraged his family as well as many people who have watched video of the confrontation with an officer.

Lyoya, who wasn't armed, was killed after a traffic stop in Grand Rapids in western Michigan. The officer was on top of him and can be heard on video demanding that he take his hand off a police

Obama relatives: The brother of former first lady Michelle Obama and his wife are suing a private Milwaukee school alleging it refused to allow their two sons to re-enroll after they voiced concerns that racism and inappropriate conduct at the school had not been satisfactorily addressed.

In a civil lawsuit filed in



Polish residents and officials lay daffodils Tuesday at the monument honoring fighters of the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Thousands of Jews began a valiant but ultimately futile battle after German troops began to destroy the ghetto and send residents to death camps. One of the revolt's surviving leaders used to lay daffodils at the monument. CZAREK SOKOLOWSKI/AP

Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Craig and Kelly Robinson accuse University School of Milwaukee of terminating their 9- and 11-vear-old sons' re-enrollment contracts for the 2021-2022 school year after the couple complained that teachers treated students of color and socioeconomically underrepresented students unfairly.

According to the lawsuit filed Monday, the school failed to provide the supportive and inclusive learning environment it had promised in its enrollment contracts with the Robinsons. The boys had attended the prekindergarten through grade 12 school for about five years, the Robinsons said Tuesday.

USM said in a statement that the enrollment decision had nothing to do with their complaints of inequity or discrimination. The independent school, with a campus that stretches from Milwaukee to the nearby suburb of River Hills, enrolls about 1,100 students every

Mideast unrest: Thousands of Israelis marched to a dismantled settlement deep in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday and called for it to be rebuilt in a show of strength amid a wave of Israeli-Palestinian unrest and fears of further escala-

The army blocked roads to facilitate the march led by hard-line Jewish settlers and prevent Palestinians from reaching the area. Dozens of Palestinian residents protested the closures. Clashes broke out, with Israeli soldiers firing rubber bullets and tear gas at Palestinian youths hurling stones and burning tires.

Palestinian medics said they treated at least eight Palestinians who were struck by rubber bullets or tear gas canisters fired by Israeli troops in the adjacent West Bank village of Burqa.

Israelis have repeatedly

returned to Homesh, a hilltop settlement that emerged as a symbol of settler defiance after the government dismantled it in 2005.

Israeli-Palestinian tensions have surged in recent weeks after a series of deadly attacks inside Israel and military operations in the West Bank.

Sri Lanka protest: Police opened fire Tuesday at a group of people protesting new fuel price increases, killing one and injuring 13 others, in the first shooting by security forces during weeks of demonstrations over Sri Lanka's worst economic crisis in decades.

Fifteen police personnel were also admitted to hospital with minor injuries after clashes with protesters.

Johnson apology: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Tuesday offered what he said was a "wholehearted" apology for attending an illegal party during lockdown — but insisted he didn't knowingly break rules or mislead Parliament, and brushed off calls to resign.

Johnson told lawmakers in the House of Commons that it simply "did not occur to me" that the birthday gathering, complete with a cake, was a party.

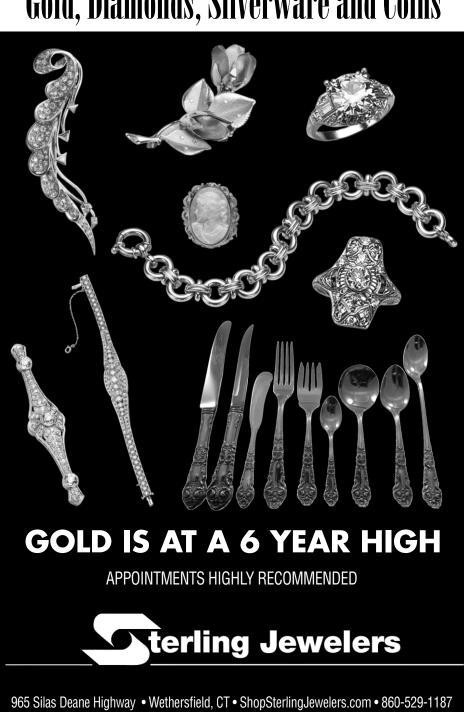
That excuse was greeted with derision by opposition politicians who have called with increasing frustration for Johnson to quit since stories began to circulate late last year of parties in the prime minister's office and other government buildings in 2020 and 2021, when millions in the country were barred from meeting with friends and family or even attending funerals for their loved ones

Last week, Johnson was fined \$66 for attending his own surprise birthday party in 10 Downing St. in June 2020, making him the first British prime minister ever found to have broken the law while in office.

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Long road to justice, Bosnians warn

As the years pass, fewer cases are reaching trial

By Sabina Niksic Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia Regardless of how the Russian war in Ukraine ends, getting justice for human rights abuses suffered during the conflict will inevitably be a long and painful process for those who survive to tell of the atrocities they witnessed.

That's the message from survivors of Bosnia's 1992-95 internecine war, who have dedicated the ensuing years to the re-telling and re-living of their trauma in hope of bringing those responsible to justice and setting the historical record straight.

"For me, it is personal. I am still searching for the remains of my brother. I cannot move on. I cannot focus on something else and leave that behind," said Edin Ramulic from the northwestern Bosnian town of Prijedor.

Ramulic was 22-year-old university graduate when, in April 1992, he and his male relatives, including his older brother and father, were rounded up by Bosnian Serbs, along with thousands of other non-Serb civilians from Prijedor and surrounding villages, to be deported from the area, imprisoned, tortured or killed.

More than 3,000 non-Serbs including 102 children were killed in Prijedor. Some were executed in their homes or in the streets, others in three prison camps where prisoners were subjected to beatings, rape, sexual assaults and torture. Ramulic's brother, uncle and four cousins did not survive the camps

Much like the graphic evidence of killings and torture in Bucha, outside Kyiv, that emerged earlier this month after Russian forces withdrew from the area, the discovery by



A woman reads a religious text at a memorial cemetery before a funeral in Potocari, a village in Bosnia and Herzegovina. DARKO BANDIC/AP 2019

international journalists of the camps in Prijedor in August 1992 provoked global outrage and calls by world leaders for those responsible to be held to account.

A process was put in motion by the United Nations Security Council to establish a special U.N. war crimes tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. When it was set up in The Hague in 1993, it was the first international court to investigate and prosecute allegations of war crimes, crimes against humanity and geno-cide since the tribunals in Nuremberg and Tokyo after World War II.

At first nobody thought it would work, the investigators' access to crime scenes in Prijedor and elsewhere in Bosnia was blocked for years, and political leaders of the Bosnian Serbs and neighboring Serbia continued to deny human right abuses and hide documents and those indicted

Justice was slow to come. Bosnian Serb wartime leader Radovan Karadzic and his military commander Ratko Mladic were fugitives from international justice until the late 2000s when they were tracked down in Serbia.

But by the time it shut down in 2017, the tribunal had convicted 83 high-ranking wartime political and military officials, most of them from Bosnia. It also transferred a mountain of evidence and cases against lower-ranking suspects to their home countries in the

"I've spent countless months of my life in different courtrooms (as a witness), listening to defense counsels trying to deny the evidence," Ramulic said.

"It sometimes happens that the people you know are guilty are set free because of the lack of evidence, but it is worth it," he added.

Ramulic still does not know where his brother's remains are or exactly who killed him and how, but the court sentences, some of which he had helped bring about, "are the most valuable thing that we have, because the evidence-based truth contained in them cannot be forever ignored and denied."

In Munira Subasic's former life, before the war, she was a shopkeeper, wife and the mother of two sons. Nothing prepared her for what she would become after losing her husband and a son in the 1995 Srebrenica massacre in which 8,000 men and boys died. It was the only episode of Bosnia's

war to be legally defined as genocide.

Subasic and a number of other women created an organization, Mothers of Srebrenica, and engaged in street protests and other direct action to stay in the public eye and demand that mass graves be found, remains identified and those responsible for the massacre brought to justice. To date, almost 90% of those reported missing from the fall of Srebrenica have been accounted for.

"We knew the names of the killers, we collected them and shared the information with prosecutors, we visited every mass grave site, we searched for information about where others might be. We have been breathing down everyone's neck, demanding justice," Subasic said.

"Mothers of Ukraine will

have to do the same," she said.

Subasic, along with dozens of others, testified before the U.N. war crimes tribunal for former Yugoslavia, helping put behind bars close to 50 Bosnian Serb wartime officials, collectively sentenced to over 700 years in prison.

To get there, however, Subasic and other women of Srebrenica had to overcome the pain of constantly confronting people "who tried to hide that our children ever existed, who basically claimed that we were never mothers, that we never gave birth to anyone."

"Russia's denials of massacres its soldiers are now obviously committing in Ukraine sound to me the same as Srebrenica genocide denial," Subasic said. "But if survivors are persistent, the truth will prevail."

Democrats have eyes on ousting Johnson in Wis.

Question remains how best to beat two-time senator

By Scott Bauer Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Wis. -Among the red barns, bins and tractors of a southern Wisconsin dairy farm, Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Mandela Barnes sat at a white picnic table painted with black spots to resemble a dairy cow.

It was the latest stop on his "Barnes for Barns" tour through rural Wisconsin aimed at appealing to the voters who more typically fuel Republican victories in this closely divided state.

The discussion at Hinchley's Dairy Farm with an invited group of farmers covered the expected topics climate change, affordable health care, the alarming rise in farmer suicides and a decline in the small dairy farms that Wisconsin is known for.

But it kept circling back to one key question:

How do you beat Ron Johnson, the Republican incumbent?

"We show up," said Barnes, the state's lieutenant governor. "We talk to people directly about the challenges they face and that Ron Johnson has consistently ignored. I think one of the biggest problems is a lot of places outside of Milwaukee and Madison just haven't seen enough Democrats."

Beating Johnson has vexed Democrats ever since the former plastics manufacturer blew onto the scene as a tea party outsider in 2010 and beat Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold, and did it again in 2016.

On the way, Johnson has become one of Donald

Trump's most vocal — and to his opponents, most loathsome – supporters.

Johnson was first elected as a fiscal conservative, known for attacking spending and a desire to lower the national debt.

His campaign ads featured plenty of bar graphs and charts. In recent years, as the coronavirus rose and Trump fell, he has become a lightning rod as he staked out anti-science positions and embraced conspiracy theories on the 2020 election.

Johnson elevated unproven COVID-19 treatments such as mouthwash and questioned the need for COVID-19 vaccines. He dismissed climate change. He joined the many Republicans who have played down the riot at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, saying he wasn't scared by the insurrectionists but would have been concerned if they had been Black Lives Matter protesters.

More broadly, Johnson voted for a massive tax cut that he recently admitted benefited his business and wealthy campaign donors; blocked proposals to distribute \$1,200 stimulus checks to Americans; and argued against landing a federal contract that would have brought hundreds of iobs to Wisconsin.

Now, with control of the Senate at stake and Wisconsin among a handful of states with toss-up races, Johnson goes before voters with an energized conservative base and with bad poll numbers for a Democratic president whose party historically loses in midterm elections.

Yet, there is optimism among Democrats that Johnson — whose favorable rating stood at 33% in February in the Marquette



Candidate Mandela Barnes, left, and farmer Michael Slattery listen to a talk on issues facing rural Wisconsin. SCOTT BAUER/AP

University Law School poll - is more vulnerable than

Democratic strategist Joe Zepecki said Johnson "benefited from two very good Republican years in '10 and '16. He may benefit from one again. The challenge is how do you buck that trend." He added: "I think we can do it. He's given us enough grist for the mill."

Democrats intend to paint Johnson as a different man from the one voters elected in 2010, someone who morphed from an outsider concerned about the national debt to, as Zepecki calls him, "a conspiracy theory-fueled crank.

They are hoping Johnson's most incendiary comments will turn off just enough of the moderate Republicans who deserted Trump in the Milwaukee suburbs and just enough of the roughly 7% of independent voters to tilt things their way.

The desire to beat Johnson has, for now, largely united the top Democrats in the Senate race before the Aug. 9 primary.

Alex Lasry, an executive with the Milwaukee Bucks - his father, Marc, is part owner — has spent millions on television ads as he courts organized labor and attacks Johnson as antiworker.

Sarah Godlewski, the state treasurer, portrays Johnson as an out-oftouch extremist in her ads. She has been endorsed by

Emily's List. Tom Nelson, the Outagamie County executive, trails in money but leads in cleverness, cutting creative online videos that include a garage sale fundraiser his children's dinosaur toys

Barnes, who is Black, leads the Democratic field in money, endorsements

and early polls. Rural voters aside, his strategy almost surely depends on energizing minority voters in his hometown of Milwaukee a huge cache of liberal votes that is key to any Democrat

running statewide. Republicans dismiss Barnes' swing through rural Wisconsin, pointing to comments he made in the 2018 governor's race in which he said he wasn't interested in winning over Trump voters.

Barnes later said he wanted to appeal to all "forgotten" voters. They also dismiss the broader Democratic strategy of attacking Johnson as extreme, saying that similar attacks failed in his past

"At this point, I just don't see the game plan where Republicans are going to leave in droves," longtime GOP strategist Brandon Scholz said. "This is a 50-50 state. In a competitive race, if both sides do their job, someone is going to win by a point or two."

Johnson campaign spokesman Jake Wilkins said the senator's strategy for winning is to "work hard

and simply tell the truth." "The Democrats' strategy is obvious," Wilkins said. "They will continue to lie about and distort his record and take everything he says out of context to falsely portray his stance on the issues. His biggest challenges will be the massive

spending by liberal outside groups, and the partisan liberal media that advocates for Democrats by pushing the radical left's message and agenda."

As long as Johnson can maintain the same margins that Trump did in more rural parts of Wisconsin, and perform as well in suburban Milwaukee counties as he did in 2016, he will win, said Republican strategist Keith Gilkes, who ran former Gov. Scott Walker's first campaign.

Plus, Wisconsin has a long history of electing maverick politicians – such as Feingold and Joseph McCarthy, the disgraced communist hunter whom many on the left have increasingly compared to Johnson.

Johnson hasn't always had the full support of the Republican Party establishment, but with so much on the line this year that does not appear to be in doubt. The Senate Leadership Fund, a top Republican super PAC, is "all-in" on reelecting Johnson, its spokesman Jack Pandol

Fla. Gov. DeSantis pushes to end Disney self-government

By Anthony Izaguirre Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis on Tuesday asked the Legislature to repeal a law allowing Walt Disney World to operate a private government over its properties in the state, the latest volley in a feud between the governor and the entertainment giant over what critics have dubbed the "Don't Say Gay" law.

DeSantis, an ascendant GOP governor and potential 2024 presidential candidate, has battled with Disney over the company's opposition to a new law barring instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity in kindergarten through third grade.

On Tuesday, DeSantis raised the stakes.

As lawmakers returned to the Capitol for a special legislative session on congressional redistricting, the governor issued a proclamation that allows the GOP-controlled Statehouse to take up bills eliminating Disney's self-governing district. Republicans quickly filed proposals to do so.

filed proposals to do so. "I am announcing today that we are expanding the call of what they are going to be considering this week. And so, yes they will be considering the congressional map, but they also will be considering termination of all special districts that were enacted in Florida prior to 1968, and that includes the Reedy Creek Improvement District," DeSantis said at a news conference, referencing the company's governing district without mentioning Disney by name. He did not elaborate.

Disney representatives did not return an emailed request for comment on Tuesday. It was not immediately clear how the elimination of the district would affect the company or neighboring governments.



Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has raised the stakes in a battle with Walt Disney Co. over its opposition to what critics have called the "Don't Say Gay" law. **PHELAN M. EBENHACK/AP**

The Reedy Creek Improvement District is a private government controlled by Disney World and set up by the state Legislature in 1967 that allows it to provide government services such as zoning, fire protection, utilities and infrastructure.

The creation of the district, and the control it gave Disney over 27,000 acres in Florida, was a crucial element in the company's plans to build near Orlando in the 1960s. Company officials said they needed autonomy to plan a futuristic city along with the theme park. The city never materialized, however; instead, it morphed into the EPCOT theme park.

The push to punish the company comes after Disney announced it would suspend political donations in the state over the new Parental Rights in Education law. Opponents dubbed the law "Don't Say Gay," arguing that barring lessons on sexual orientation and gender identity in early grades would marginalize LGBTQ people.

Disney is one of Florida's biggest private employers: Last year, the company said it had more than 60,000 workers. LGBTQ advocates

who work for the company criticized CEO Bob Chapek for what they said was his slow response speaking out against the bill. Some walked off the job in protest.

DeSantis has repeatedly lashed out at Disney and critics of the law, gaining considerable attention in conservative media spheres. He insists the policy is reasonable and says parents, not teachers, should broach subjects of sexual orientation and gender identity with children.

with children.
Republican lawmakers appear receptive to punishing Disney, filing proposals that would dissolve the district by June 2023. DeSantis has been a powerful governor, effectively pushing his priorities in the Statehouse, and both the GOP Senate president and House speaker support him on the Disney issue.

Democrats were quick to criticize the governor's move as retribution for the company's stance on the education bill. "What world are we living in right now?" asked Democratic Sen. Audrey Gibson. "It's the freedom state of Florida. If they disagree with the governor, he brings out the Gatling gun."



A resident surveys damage on Tuesday after an attack in Kharkiv in northeastern Ukraine. Russia's push for the nation's industrial heartland is underway as targets were bombarded across the eastern region. TYLER HICKS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

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precursors to larger troop movements, or serve as a distraction from other fronts. In the past several days, the Russians have sent about 11 more battalion tactical groups into the Donbas, bringing the number there to around 75, according to Pentagon officials. Each group has about 1.000 troops.

While there have not yet been any large offensives, the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense said in a statement Tuesday that Russian forces are laying the groundwork for a future push: More surface-to-air missile systems have been shuttled to the front to protect important positions, and more artillery positions have appeared.

At this point in the war, it is clear that long-range weapons that can fire out of sight of their targets, such as howitzers and multiple launch rocket systems, have proved to be important when it comes holding and taking territory.

So far, Russia's new campaign in the Donbas appears to rely heavily on those weapons, as does Ukraine's defense.

In Horlivka, a city occupied by Russian-backed separatists, one resident said Tuesday that, after a week of quiet, there was heavy artillery fire coming from the Russian side, along with troop movements and Russian jets flying overhead

Russian jets flying overhead. There were strikes across Ukraine over the past several days signaling a new escalation. In Kharkiv, for example, Russian artillery slammed into a frequently shelled residential area Tuesday, killing at least three people. The lethal strike comes on the heels of two days of blistering rocket and artillery attacks into parts of the city that have been rarely hit in the past month.

Other cities like Zaporizhzhia, Lviv and Kyiv, the capital, were hit with cruise missiles and artillery fire as Russian forces prepared ground troops for their thrust in the Donbas, an industrial heartland in the east the size of New Hampshire with a front line that stretches hundreds of miles.

One resident in Kramatorsk — an eastern city still in Ukrainian hands that is likely to be one of Russia's main targets in the offensive — said he watched from a vantage point in recent days as the front line to the northwest of the city erupted in concentrated artillery barrages.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine said in a video Monday night that Russian forces had started the battle for the Donbas. "A very significant part of the Russian army is now concentrated for that offensive," he said.

The two sides have been locked in a battle over the Donbas region for the past eight years, with Ukrainian government forces fighting Russian-backed separatists.

The coming battle, on wide-open terrain, will look significantly different

from the urban warfare that took place around Kyiv, where the Russian military tried and failed to take the capital.

"Compared to the first few weeks of the war, this next offensive is a lot less decisive than it may seem," said Michael Kofman, the director of Russian studies at CNA, a research institute in Arlington, Virginia. "No matter what happens in the Donbas, the costs are likely to be so high that the Russian military will be a spent force."

Russia's battlefield failures have cost Moscow dearly so far. The number of Russian losses in the war so far remains unknown, though Western intelligence agencies estimate 7,000 to 10,000 killed and 20,000 to 30,000 wounded. Thousands more have been captured or are missing in action.

Ukraine's losses have also been steep, though the government has declined to offer specific figures even to U.S. officials. U.S. intelligence agencies estimate 5,500 to 11,000 killed and more than 18,000 wounded.

Ukrainian forces have responded in kind to the Russian escalation, firing their own artillery — a mixture of howitzers, mortars and unguided rockets — to disrupt and delay any larger attack.

But despite new supplies and commitments from NATO countries, Ukrainian officials continue to voice deep concerns about whether it will be sufficient to keep Russian forces at bay.



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Biden brings back federal environmental review rule

Regulation weakened under Trump affects major infrastructure projects

By Matthew Daly Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Biden administration is restoring federal regulations that require rigorous environmental review of major infrastructure projects such as highways, pipelines and oil wells - including likely impacts on climate change and nearby communities. The longstanding reviews were scaled back by the Trump administration in a bid to fast-track projects and create jobs.

A rule finalized Tuesday will restore key provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, a bedrock environmental law designed to ensure community safeguards during reviews for a wide range of federal proposals, including roads, bridges and energy projects authorized in the \$1 trillion infrastructure law Biden signed last fall, the White House said.

The White House Council on Environmental Quality said the new rule, which takes effect in late May, should resolve challenges created by the Trump-era policy and restore public confidence during environmental reviews.

"Restoring these basic community safeguards will provide regulatory certainty, reduce conflict and help ensure that projects get built right the first time," said CEQ Chair Brenda Mallory. "Patching these holes in the environmental review process will help projects get built faster, be more resilient and provide greater benefits to people who live nearby."

Former President Donald Trump overhauled the environmental reviews in 2020 in a bid to accelerate projects he said would boost the economy and provide jobs.

Trump made slashing government regulations a hallmark of his presidency. He and his administration frequently expressed frustration at rules they said unnecessarily slowed approval for interstate oil and gas pipelines and other big projects. The rule change imposed in 2020 restricted timelines for environmental reviews and public comment and allowed federal officials to disregard a project's role in cumulative effects, such as climate change.

The new rule comes as the Supreme Court reinstated a separate Trump-era rule that curtails the power of states and Native American tribes to block pipelines and other energy projects that can pollute rivers, streams and other waterways.

In a decision that split the court 5-4 earlier this month, the justices agreed to halt a lower court judge's order throwing out the Trump rule. The decision does not interfere with the Biden administration's plan to rewrite the Environmental Protection Agency rule. Work on a revision has begun, but the administration has said a final rule is not expected until next spring. The Trump-era rule will remain in effect in the meantime.

Contrary to assertions by Trump, Mallory said a more rigorous environmental review will actually speed up completion of major projects, since they will be more likely to withstand a legal challenge by environmental groups or states. Many Trump-era environmental decisions were reversed or delayed by courts after findings they did not undergo sufficient analysis.



Russian President Vladimir Putin chairs a meeting with members of the government last month in Moscow. MIKHAIL KLIMENTYEV/AP

Paying the price for its invasion

Russia at risk of default on foreign debt for first time in nearly 100 years

By Alan Rappeport The New York Times

WASHINGTON - Russia is ambling toward a major default on its foreign debt, a grim milestone that it has not seen since the Bolshevik Revolution more than a century ago and one that raises the prospect of vears of legal wrangling and a global hunt by bondholders for Russian assets.

The looming default is the result of sanctions that have immobilized about half of Russia's \$640 billion of foreign currency reserves, straining the country's ability to make bond repayments in the currency in which the debt was issued: dollars. Girding for a default, Russia has already preemptively dismissed it as an "artificial" result of sanctions imposed by the United States and its allies, and it has threatened to contest such an outcome in court.

The coming fight, which would probably pit Russia against big investors from around the world, raises murky questions over who gets to decide if a nation has actually defaulted in the rare case where sanctions have curbed a country's ability to pay

Russia does not appear likely to take the declaration of a default lightly. If that should occur, it would raise Russia's cost of borrowing for years to come and effectively lock it out of international capital markets, weighing on an economy that is already expected to contract sharply this year. It would also be a stain on the economic stewardship of President Vladimir Putin that would underscore the costs Russia is incurring from its invasion of Ukraine.

At stake for Russia, which has already suffered the abrupt rupture of decades of crucial business ties with the United States, Europe and other nations, is one of the underpinnings of economic growth: the ability to smoothly borrow money from outside its borders.

"This points to the squishiness and patchwork nature of sovereign debt markets," said Tim Samples, a legal studies professor at the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business and an expert on sovereign debt. "I think this is set to be convoluted and disputed for a variety of

Samples suggested there could be a "cascade" of events that brings Russia to

The most direct verdict could come from the big credit ratings agencies, which have already signaled that Russia's creditworthiness is eroding and that a default could be on the horizon.

This past week, Moody's warned that Russia's payment of about \$650 million of dollar-denominated debt in rubles April 4 could be considered a default if it does not reverse course and pay in dollars by May 4, when a 30-day grace period concludes. That followed a similar warning earlier in the week by S&P Global, which placed Russia under a "selective default" rating.

After the grace period on the foreign currency bond payments expires May 4, the next key moment will be May 25. That is when U.S. bondholders will no longer be able to accept Russian debt payments under a temporary exemption that the Treasury Department has allowed.

Although the verdict of the ratings agencies carries significant weight, bondholders will determine the consequences of Russia failing to make payments that were due or that violate the terms of its contracts. The bondholders could take a wait-andsee approach or declare that the bonds are immediately due and payable, which could cause other bonds with "cross default" provisions to also be in default.

IMF slashes forecast for growth amid Russia's war

By Paul Wiseman

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The International Monetary Fund on Tuesday downgraded the outlook for the world economy this year and next, blaming Russia's war in Ukraine for disrupting global commerce, pushing up oil prices, threatening food supplies and increasing uncertainty already heightened by the coronavirus and its variants.

The 190-country lender cut its forecast for global growth to 3.6% this year, a steep falloff from 6.1% last year and from the 4.4% growth it had expected for 2022 back in

It also said it expects the world economy to grow 3.6% again next year, slightly slower than the 3.8% it forecast in January.

The war — and the darkening outlook – came just as the global economy appeared to be shaking off the impact of the highly infectious omicron variant of the coronavirus.

The war will slow economic growth and increase inflation," IMF chief economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas said Tuesday.

Now, the IMF expects Russia's economy – battered by sanctions – to shrink 8.5% this year and Ukraine's 35%.

U.S. economic growth is expected to drop to 3.7% this year from 5.7% in 2021, which had been the fastest growth since 1984. The new forecast marks a downgrade from the 4% the IMF had predicted at the beginning

Hobbling U.S. growth this year will be Federal Reserve interest rate increases, meant to combat resurgent inflation, and an economic slowdown in key American trading partners.

For the 19 countries that share the euro currency, the IMF forecasts collective growth of 2.8% in 2022, down sharply from the 3.9% it expected in January and from 5.3% last year.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

J&J shelves shot sales forecasts

Johnson & Johnson is suspending sales forecasts for its COVID-19 vaccine only a few months after saying the shot could bring in as much as \$3.5 billion this year.

A global supply surplus and uncertainty about future demand - fueled in part by vaccine hesitancy in some developing markets – prompted the change, J&J said Tuesday. The company also reported a better-than-expected first-quarter profit and announced a dividend increase.

J&J's one-shot vaccine brought in \$457 million in global sales during the first quarter, while the company's pharmaceutical sales as a whole totaled nearly \$13 billion. The vaccine registered \$75 million in sales in the U.S., or about 25% less than what it rang up after debuting in last year's first quarter.

Judge rules against Amazon

A judge ruled Monday that Amazon must reinstate a former warehouse employee who was fired in the early days of the pandemic, saying the company "unlawfully" terminated the worker who led a protest calling for Amazon to do more to protect employees against COVID-19.

The dispute involving Gerald Bryson, who worked at an Amazon warehouse in the New York City borough of Staten Island, has stretched on since June 2020, when Bryson filed an unfair labor practice complaint with The National Labor Relations Board.

Later that year, the NLRB said it found merit in Bryson's complaint that Amazon illegally fired him for workplace organizing. Amazon didn't accept the findings, triggering a lengthy administrative court process.

New York Times taps new executive editor

By David Bauder Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Times has named Joseph Kahn as its new executive editor, replacing Dean Baquet with his current second-in-command to lead the storied news organization as it undergoes a period of rapid transformation in the digi-

Kahn, who has been managing editor at The Times since 2016, will take over June 14. Baquet, who at 65 has reached traditional retirement age for The Times' top newsroom leader, will remain at the newspaper in a capacity that will be announced

Kahn joined the newspaper in 1998 from

The Wall Street Journal. He previously served as the newspaper's Beijing bureau chief and led its international desk, which won six Pulitzer Prizes under his steward-

The newspaper has made a rapid transition in recent years, with its roughly 10 million digital subscriptions increased ten-fold since 2014. It produces a popular podcast, "The Daily," started a video investigative unit, bought the sports website The Athletic and now owns the popular word game, Wordle.

The newspaper's publisher and chairman, A.G. Sulzberger, said in a memo to staff that the appointment should come as no surprise to many. Baquet told him that Kahn was more prepared to lead a newsroom like The Times than any editor he's

Kahn, a Harvard graduate, began work at The Dallas Morning News but set his sights on China, and was working there when the Journal hired him in 1993.

After joining The Times, he also worked as a business reporter in New York and Washington.

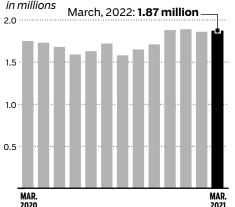
In management as Baquet's partner, Kahn has led The Times' push into becoming a digital-first operation, championed different forms of storytelling and has led the organization's efforts to make the newsroom more diverse and inclusive, Sulzberger said.

Baquet has led the newsroom for the past eight years.

New residential construction

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

New housing unit permits authorized,



BUSINESS



People shop for clothing in January at a mall in Beijing. China's economic growth edged up to a still-weak 4.8% over a year earlier in the first three months of this year. ANDY WONG/AP

China economy up meager 4.8% amid virus outbreaks

By Joe McDonald Associated Press

BEIJING - China's economic growth edged up to a still-weak 4.8% over a year earlier in the first three months of 2022 as industrial cities shut down to fight coronavirus outbreaks, threatening to disrupt global trade and manufac-

Growth in the world's second-largest economy crept up from the previous quarter's 4% following a slump triggered by tighter controls on use of debt by China's vast real estate industry, government data showed Monday. Compared with the previous quarter, as other major economies are measured, growth slowed to 1.3% from 1.4%.

"More pain will come" in the current quarter, Iris Pang of ING said in a report. "Further impacts from lockdowns are imminent."

The slowdown hurts China's trading partners by depressing demand for oil, steel, consumer goods, food and other imports. Oil prices, which spiked after Russia's attack on Ukraine, have fallen back somewhat on expectations Chinese

consumption will weaken. The flow of industrial

goods has been disrupted by the suspension of access to Shanghai, a business center with 25 million people, and other industrial cities. Global automakers and other manufacturers have reduced or stopped produc-

The disruption "will weigh on activity in April and into May, if not longer," Tommy Wu of Oxford Economics said in a report. That is "likely to have a significant impact on global

supply chains." First quarter economic growth was below the ruling Communist Party's annual target of 5.5%. Forecasters have said that will be hard to meet without large government stimulus spending.

Retail spending, factory output and investment in factories, real estate and other fixed assets rose.

"The national economic recovery was sustained and the operation of the economy was generally stable." government statement read.

China's latest infection numbers are relatively low, but Beijing is responding to its biggest outbreak

since the 2020 start of the pandemic with a "zero-COVID" policy that aims to isolate every person who tests positive.

The ruling party already was promising tax refunds and other aid to businesses to pull the economy out of a slide that began in mid-2021. Last week. Premier Li Keqiang, the No. 2 leader, called for quicker action to get help to struggling entrepreneurs.

Retail sales rose by a modest 3.3% over a year earlier in the first quarter after demand was dampened by a government appeal to the public to avoid traveling and large gatherings during February's Lunar New Year holiday, normally a period of big spending on gift-giving,

banquets and tourism. Factory output rose 6.5% and investment in factories, real estate and other fixed assets increased 9.3%, possibly reflecting orders to banks to lend more readily.

Last week, regulators injected an extra \$80 billion into the pool of money for lending by reducing the amount of deposits commercial banks are required to hold in reserve.

Congress seeks compromise to lift computer chip industry

By Kevin Freking Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A global computer chip shortage has made it harder for consumers to get their hands on cars, computers and other modern-day necessities, so Congress is looking to boost chip manufacturing and research in the United States with billions of dollars from the federal government.

Both the House and the Senate have passed major legislation on the matter, and the effort is one of lawmakers' final opportunities before the November elections to show voters they are addressing the nation's strained supply chains.

Now they have to work out considerable differences in the two bills. And Senate Republicans are already digging in before the negotiations formally begin.

President Joe Biden has made the semiconductor legislation a top priority, but he'll need the support of 10 Senate Republicans, and perhaps more, to get a bill to his desk. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell emphasized that point when congressional leaders recently announced which lawmakers will serve on the committee that works to reconcile the two bills.

"Without major concessions and changes from House Democrats, this legislation has no chance of becoming law," McConnell said.

House Democrats say their voices need to be heard during negotiations. "We need to make sure

that everyone has input," said Rep. Suzan DelBene, D-Wash., chair of the New Democratic Coalition, a group that has 19 members participating in negotiations. "We have a strong bill in the House, and I think



A global computer chip shortage has made it more difficult for consumers to purchase vehicles, computers and other modern-day necessities. JENNY KANE/AP 2019

there's important components there that the Senate should also consider."

The Senate bill is projected to increase spending by about \$250 billion over 10 years. The House bill would boost spending by more than \$400 billion over the period.

The Senate and House bills both allot more than \$52 billion for semiconductor production and research. Grants and loans from the federal government would subsidize some of the cost of building or renovating semiconductor plants.

"The chips funding is absolutely the foundation of this bill — it's a bipartisan foundation," said Josh Teitelbaum, senior counsel at Akin Gump, a law and lobbying firm. "I think it is what is driving this toward the finish line.

But while the bills authorize a big boost in spending for the National Science Foundation, they have different priorities for the

research receiving funding. The Senate bill provides \$29 billion over five years to a new directorate focused on strengthening U.S. leadership in artificial intelligence, semiconductors, robotics and other cuttingedge technologies.

The House bill provides \$13.3 billion over five years to a new directorate for science and engineering solutions. It lists climate change, environmental sustainability and social and economic inequality as part of the directorate's focus.

The two sides will have to hammer out their competing visions for the National Science Foundation and the new tech directorate.

The two bills also establish regional technology hubs — with the Senate dedicating \$10 billion to the program and the House dedicating \$7 billion.

The Senate bill calls for 20 such hubs, while the House bill authorizes at least 10.

The seed money would go to regional organizations seeking to advance a variety of economic and national security priorities.

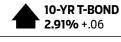
The approach has bipartisan support from lawmakers with big rural and minority constituencies who want to ensure the money is not concentrated in universities or communities where a lot of tech research is already done.

The bills diverge on supply chain issues, trade, immigration and climate change, to name a few areas of disagreement.

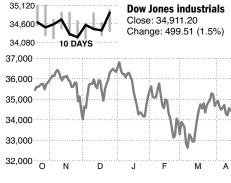
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Disney (DIS)	131.90	+4.13	-14.8	Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.56	+.02	-3.8
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	116.09	50	-8.9	Sunshine BioPharma (SBFM)	4.10	+.64	+71.5
Ethan Allen (ETD)	26.40	+.93	+.4	Terex Corp (TEX)	36.23	+1.37	-17.6
Eversource Energy (ES)	92.50	+.83	+1.7	ToughBuilt Inc (TBLT)	.20	+.05	-44.9
Exela Technologies (XELA)	.40	+.01	-55.0	Travelers Cos (TRV)	176.16	-9.06	+12.6
Ford Motor (F)	16.15	+.48	-22.2	Twitter Inc (TWTR)	46.16	-2.29	+6.8
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	5.28	+.19	+1.5	Uber Technologies (UBER)	33.80	+2.01	-19.4
Gen Dynamics (GD)	246.59	+2.73	+18.3	United Rentals (URI)		+11.93	+5.8
Gen Electric (GE)	91.90	+1.50	-2.7	United Health Group (UNH)	537.70	+3.62	+7.1
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	73.47	-1.58	+6.4	Veru Inc (VERU)	12.64	+.74	+114.6
Honeywell Intl (HON)	197.20	+5.13	-5.4	Virtus Invest (VRTS)		+10.98	-29.5
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Paul Krugman

So Donald Trump has endorsed J.D. Vance in the race for Ohio's Republican Senate nomination.

Will Trump's nod tip the balance? I have no idea, and frankly I don't care.

Ohio's GOP primary has, after all, been a race to the bottom, with candidates seemingly competing to see who can be crasser, who can do the most to dumb down the debate. Vance insists that "what's happening in Ukraine has nothing to do with our national security" and that we should focus instead on the threat from immigrants crossing our southern border. Josh Mandel, who has been leading in the polls, says that Ohio should be a "pro-God, pro-family, pro-bitcoin state." And so on. Any of these candidates would be a terrible senator, and it's anyone's guess who would

But the thing about Vance is that while these days he gives cynical opportunism a bad name, he didn't always seem that way. In fact, not that long ago he seemed to offer some intellectual and maybe even moral heft. His 2016 memoir, "Hillbilly Elegy," drew widespread and respectful attention, because it offered a personal take on a real and important problem: The unraveling of society in Appalachia and more broadly for a significant segment of the white working

Yet neither Vance nor, as far as I can tell, any other notable figure in the Republican Party is advocating any real policies to address this problem. They're happy to exploit white working-class resentment; but when it comes to doing anything to improve their supporters' lives, their implicit slogan is, "Let them eat hate."

Let's talk for a minute about the reality Vance was writing about back when many

took him seriously. I still encounter people who imagine that social dysfunction is mainly a problem involving nonwhite residents of big cities. But that picture is decades out of date. The social problems that have festered in 21st-century America — notably large numbers of prime-age males not working and widespread "deaths of despair" from drugs, suicide and alcohol - have if anything fallen most heavily on rural and small-town white people, especially in parts of the heartland that have been left behind as a knowledge-centered economy increasingly favors high-education metropolitan areas.

What can be done? Progressives want to see more social spending, especially on families with children; this would do a lot to improve people's lives, although it's less clear whether it would help revive declining communities.

Back in 2016 Trump offered a different



J.D. Vance, a Republican running for an open U.S. Senate seat in Ohio, has the backing of former President Donald Trump. PAUL VERNON/AP

answer: protectionist trade policies that, he claimed, would revive industrial employment. The arithmetic on this claim never worked, and in practice Trump's trade wars appear to have reduced the number of U.S. manufacturing jobs. But back then Trump was at least pretending to address a

At this point, however, neither Trump nor any other important Republican is willing to go even that far.

I'd say that GOP campaigning in 2022 is all culture war, all the time, except that this would be giving Republicans too much credit. They aren't fighting a real culture war, a conflict between rival views of what our society should look like; they're riling up the base against phantasms, threats that don't even exist.

This isn't hyperbole. I'm not just talking about things like the panic over critical race theory, although this has come to mean just about any mention of the role that slavery and discrimination have

played in U.S. history. Florida is even rejecting many math textbooks, claiming that they include prohibited topics.

That's bad. But we're seeing a growing focus on even more bizarre conspiracy theories, with frantic attacks on woke Disney, etc. And roughly half of self-identified Republicans believe that "top Democrats are involved in elite child sex-trafficking rings."

What people may not realize is that Vance's anti-immigrant rhetoric is almost as detached from reality as QAnon-type theories about Democratic pedophiles. I mean, yes, undocumented immigrants do exist. But the idea that they pose a major threat to public order is a fantasy; indeed, the evidence suggests that they're considerably more law-abiding than native-born

And making the alleged insecurity of the southern border your signature campaign issue is especially bizarre if you're running for office in Ohio, where immigrants make

up only 4.8% of the population — around a third of the national average. (Almost 38% of the population of New York City, and 45% of its workforce, is immigrant. It's not exactly a dystopian hellhole.)

But look, none of this is a mystery. Republicans are following an old playbook, one that would have been completely familiar to, say, czarist-era instigators of pogroms. When the people are suffering, you don't try to solve their problems; instead, you distract them by giving them someone to hate

And history tells us that this tactic often

As I said, I have no idea whether Trump's endorsement of Vance will matter. What I do know is that the GOP as a

whole has turned to hate-based politics. And if you aren't afraid, you aren't paying

Krugman is a columnist for The New York

On high prices for gasoline, pain at the pump is the point

By Kevin Roberts and Derrick Morgan The Heritage Foundation

By early April, the average price for a gallon of gasoline in the U.S. had reached \$4.23, up more than 78% in the 14 months

since President Joe Biden took office. It's a political albatross around his neck, but it's one that his policy team has deliberately placed there.

If the president wants to blame someone for higher prices, he need only look at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Throughout his presidential campaign, Biden promised to wage war on the U.S. energy industry. "I want you to look at my eyes," he said. "I guarantee you. I guarantee you. We're going to end fossil fuel."

That's pretty unequivocal. And his policies reflect that.

On his first day in the Oval Office, Biden pulled the plug on the Keystone XL pipeline and put a "temporary moratorium" on oil and gas activities in the Alaska National Wildlife Reserve. A week later, he "paused" new oil and gas activities on federal lands and waters and set in motion an army of regulators to begin the process of restricting financing for, access to and use of conven-

tional energy. Also in January 2021, Biden formally recommitted the United States to the Paris climate accords, the global carbon-reduction agreement that, if taken seriously, would cripple the U.S. oil industry and the entire economy — and do so without the consent of Americans' representatives in the Senate. His nominee to be vice chair of the Federal Reserve famously argued that the central bank should restrict access to capital for energy companies — "a dying industry," she called them — to punish them for their sins against the climate.

Meanwhile the SEC, with the president's encouragement, is pushing for additional disclosure requirements right now aimed to shame oil and gas companies for their climate impact when we use their products to live our lives.

None of these choices was forced on the president. In every case, he intentionally sought policies and personnel who he knew would cut domestic production of and access to fossil fuels — even as the world's emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic drove global demand for energy ever higher throughout 2021.

Nor could Biden have any doubt that his

regulatory war on fossil fuels would, indeed, drive up the price of fossil fuels. In California, where successive progressive governors and legislatures have restricted drilling, mandated renewable fuels, capped carbon emissions, blocked new projects and hiked taxes, gas today costs not \$4 per gallon, but \$6. Gov. Gavin Newsom is developing a plan to ban the sale of internal combustion engines from the state altogether - even lawn mowers - no matter the inconvenience or expense.

These are the same kinds of laws that Biden and his team want to impose on the whole country - and with them, \$6 gas

This is the left's platform. A few months ago, when Biden's Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm was asked about possibly increasing domestic oil production, she laughed theatrically at the very idea. And just a few weeks ago, in the midst of the Ukraine war, congressional Democrats proposed a new tax to punish any energy company that increased production!

If we stipulate that the left's climate zeal is sincere, their pursuit of artificially higher energy prices is entirely rational. They know that the greatest obstacle to their agenda is not political, but economic: Fossil fuels are much stronger, cheaper and more plentiful and reliable than the medieval wind, water and solar that the left wants to be our future. Most Americans can't afford to live like billionaires - driving electric SUVs and planting acres of trees to offset the emissions from their private jets.

Politicians aren't engineers or scientists. They can't make renewable energy better and cheaper. But they can make oil and gas more expensive — ideally, so expensive that the "sustainable" energy sources they like seem comparably affordable.

The Biden energy agenda isn't a conspiracy. It is an uncomplicated array of policies all aimed at one obvious goal - a goal that Biden himself, his party and the left openly

Anyone confused about why the president isn't acting to lower gasoline prices in the near term and boost America's energy production and infrastructure in the long term already have their answer.

The only problem Joe Biden sees with \$4.23 gas is that it's too low.

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Forcing firms to diversify their boards actually works

By Michelle Leder **Bloomberg Opinion**

California has become the focus of a battle over how companies should address the lack of diversity on their boards: Should they actively seek out directors who aren't white men, or should they simply seek to treat all candidates equally? A Superior Court judge has ruled in favor of the latter approach, declaring unconstitutional a law requiring publicly traded companies based in the state to add as many as three board members from

This is unfortunate, because the law was

under-represented groups.

actually working. Nobody in the California case challenged the idea that diversity is desirable. As the judge rightly put it: "A homogeneous board is vulnerable to stagnant thinking and common assumptions; it is also less flexible in responding to challenges. This results in poorer business practices, less innovation, and ultimately less profit." The key question in the legal challenge — filed by the conservative group Judicial Watch – was whether the state constitution allowed the Legislature to advantage some groups over others in its efforts to address the problem.

During its brief time in force, beginning on Sept 30, 2020, the legislation demonstrated just how effective a mandate can be in reversing long-entrenched discrimination. As of July 2021, the share of California companies with at least one Black or one Latino director stood at 30% and 17%, respectively - up from 16% and 13% a year earlier, according to a Latino Corporate Directors Association analysis of Equilar data. As of September 2021, nearly a third of boards had at least one woman, up from less than a quarter a year earlier, according

Companies wanting to be known as socially responsible sought to stand out. Apple Corp. used the words diverse or diversity 70 times in its most recent proxy statement, compared with 20 times a year earlier. It also added a section near the beginning touting its board diversity:

Perhaps Apple would have done this without the 2020 law. But it's hard to imagine the other 700-odd publicly traded California companies doing the same in the absence of an official mandate.

The state can appeal the Superior

A California mandate has been effective in reversing long-entrenched discrimination. As of July 2021, the share of California companies with at least one Black or one Latino director stood at 30% and 17%, respectively — up from 16% and 13% a year earlier.

Court's decision — though California Secretary of State Shirley Weber, who recently released a detailed report on board diversity as the law requires, hasn't said whether she plans to do so. Meanwhile, Judicial Watch is also challenging a 2018 law that focuses on female board representation. If the group prevails, much of the progress in seating women as directors could evaporate.

One potential backstop is a Nasdaq rule approved last year by the SEC. It requires the boards of most companies that list on the exchange to have at least one female member and one from an under-represented group defined by race or sexual preference. But that rule faces its own legal challenges, including from a conservative activist in California and from attorneys general in 17 Republican-led

For the most part, the board diversity measures have been modeled after similar rules in Europe — most notably Norway, where a 2005 law has successfully nudged the country's publicly traded companies to meet a requirement for 40% female representation on boards. Most likely, officials and legislators can find a way to make them work in the U.S. too. In California, for example, the Legislature could adjust the law to address the issues the judge raised — if the secretary of state chooses not to

appeal. Even better, companies can diversify boards on their own. Why, after all, should they need to be told to do what's in their best interests?

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Capital Region Development Authority ("CRDA"), a quasi-public agency of the state of Connecticut, is seeking a qualified consultant to provide project coordination services in the Parkville neighborhood. Please use the following link to access the RFP: https://crdact.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3-22-2022-RFP-Parkville-DevelopmentCoordinationServices.pdf. 3/26 - 4/25/2022 7177253

TO: Sierra Thompson, mother of N.MM., you are hereby notified that the State of Vermont has filed a petition to termmate your residual parental rights to N.M.M. and that the hearing to consider the termmation of all residual parental rights to N.M.M. will be held on May 13, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Vermont Superior Court, Chittenden Family Division, at 32 Cherry Street, Suite 200, Burlington, Vermont 05401. You may appear remotely by contacting the Clerk's office at 802-651-1709. You are notified to appear in connection with this case. Failure to appear at this hearing may result in the termination of all of your parental rights to N.M.M. The State is represented by the Attorney General's Office, HC 2 North, 280 4/20 & 4/25/22 7191826

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be accepted for the Purchase of Unit Ventilators until Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 2:00pm in the Finance Office of the Newington Board of Education, 200 Garfield Street, Newington, CT, Bids will be opened

There will be a non-mandatory virtual pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 2:00pm. Any available specifications and/or drawings will be available for distribution at this meeting. Please email sfletcher@npsct. org for meeting details.

The bid encompasses the purchase and

delivery of new unit ventilators. General specifications and other bid data may be obtained from the Newington Board of Education web site: https://www.npsct.org/resources/curren_bid_opportunities, or at the above address.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the Town of Newington and its school 4/20/22 7195276

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NOTICE

The duly authorized agent of the Newington Conservation commission, on April 14, 2022, has taken the following action on the application(s) noted below:

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

APPLICATION 2022-09-AA: at 60 Pepperbush Lane, for a deck in the Upland Review Area.

APPLICATION 2022-10-AA; for a Modification of Wetland Permit 2018-03-AA, at 1872 Mair Street, Newington CT.

Dated at Newington, CT – April 14, 2022 Erik S. Hinckley, Inland Wetland Agent Erik S. Hinckley, Inland 4/20/2022 7193708

TOWN OF ENFIELD, CONNECTICUT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HIGHWAY DIVISION **ON-CALL TREE SERVICES**

April 20, 2022

April 20, 2022
Sealed proposals for the services named above will be received at the Office of the Director of Finance until 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 9, 2022. Thereafter, proposals will be opened in public and read aloud or opened and read aloud pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders. Responses received after this time will not be accepted. Specifications and proposal documents may be obtained from the Office of the Director of Public Works, Stanley E. Jablonski DPW Complex, 40 Moody Road, Enfield, CT 06082, telephone number (860) 763-7599 or the Town's website, www.enfield-ct.gov. The Town of Enfield reserves the right to accept or reject any, all, or any part of proposals, to waive formalities or informalities and to make an award that is deemed to be in the best interests of the Town.

John A. Wilcox, Director of Finance EOE/AA 4/20/2022 7194263

In accordance with CGS 22a-42a(c) (2), the Agent of the Burlington Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approved the following application: Legal Notice

Notification is hereby given that JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 1111 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, Ohio 43240 has filed an application with the Office of the Comptroller of the columbus, John 45240 has lined all application with the Office of the Comptroller of the
Currency (the "OCC") on or about April 20,
2022, as specified in 12 CFR Part 5, for
permission to establish a domestic branch
at the northeast corner of the intersection
of Deming Street and Berlin Turnpike (aka
Route 5 and Route 15), Newington, Hartford
County, CT 06111. Any person wishing to
comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Licensing Manager,
Large Banks Licensing Operations, 400 7 th
Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20219 within
30 days of the date of this publication. The
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OCC's Weekly Bulletin available at www.occ.
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PROPERT AUCTION

The tax collector of the City of Hartford has levied upon the following properties in Hartford and slated them for public auction to satisfy delinquent taxes and charges under C.G.S. § 12-157. Volume and page numbers refer to the City's land records; maps refer to the City's assessment maps. Unless paid, these properties will be auctioned in "as is" condition at 10:00 a.m. on June 23, 2022 at Dunkin Donuts Park, 1214 Main Street in Hartford.

25 Keney Terrace (Volume 7311 Page 283) owned by 397-399 Sigourney Street LLC, owing \$15,922.08. Beram P. Ramdharry in addition to those listed below may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

21 Keney Terrace (Volume 7077 Page 189) owned by Jullian Lamore Adams, owing \$19,498.99. Ameriquest Mortgage Company in addition to those listed below may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

72 Coolidge Street (Volume 7120 Page 93) owned by Heriberto Ayala and Yolande E. Ayala or her Estate, owing \$25,840.76. Angel Ayala; Emilio Ayala; Miguel Ayala; Ezequiel Ayala; Heriberto Ayala; Whitney Williams; UCONN Health Center John Dempsey Hospital; Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy; the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services; the United States Internal Revenue Service; and the surviving spouse and heirs of Yolande E. Ayala in addition to those listed below may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

285 Laurel Street a/k/a 285-287 Laurel Street (Volume 2549 Page 75) owned by Dean Azzam a/k/a Dean H. Azzam, owing \$26,073.46. People's United Bank, N.A. as successor to People's Bank; Santander Bank, N.A. as successor to Sovereign Bank; and Hedco, Inc. as successor to Hartford Economic Development Corporation in addition to those listed below may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

67 Ashford Street a/k/a 69 Ashford Street (Volume 7000 Page 257) owned by Warren Barnes, owing \$19,576.61. Webster Bank, N.A., itself and as successor to Mechanics Savings Bank; in addition to those

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SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS

ORDER OF NOTICE

Court of Probate, New London Regional Children's Probate Court District NOTICE TO Ashley Pare, whose last known residence was in the town of Hartford, CT.

residence was in the town of Hartford, CT. Pursuant to an order of Hon. Jeffrey A. McNamara, Judge, a hearing will be held at New London Regional Children's Probate Court, One Union Plaza, New London, CT 06320 on May 11, 2022 at 2:00 PM on a pe-

06320 on May 11, 2022 at 2:00 PM on a petition for Removal of Guardian of the Person concerning a certain minor child, Zoeylynn C., born on October 13, 2021. The court decision will affect your interest, if any, as in the petition on file more fully appears. By order of the court Kristen Brunelle, Clerk

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public Defender. Request for an attorney should be made immediately in person, by mail, or by fax at the court office where your hearing is to be held.

NOTICE OF DECISION TOWN OF BURLINGTON INLAND WETLANDS AGENT APPLICATION

#2021-002 - Bahre's Septic Srvc - Smith Lane #23 - Application for emergency septic system repair that has been approved by the

Bristol Burlington Health District in regulated

#2022-006 - Grady - Rock Road #121 - Application for $10\xspace^{\prime}x14\xspace^{\prime}$ shed installation in regulated area.

Appeals may be filed in the land use office in Burlington Town Hall, 200 Spielman Highway within 15 days of this notice to require review by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses

Jerry Burns, Wetlands Enforcement Official Inland Wetlands and Watercours Commission

PROPERTY AUCTION

Commission
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Bank, N.A., itself and as successor to Mechanics Savings Bank; in addition to those listed below may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

135 Cheshire Street (Volume 2783 Page 334) owned by Daniel Bendzinski, owing \$13,196.81. Tower Energy LLC d/b/a Barrieau Oil Company, Inc. and the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services in addition to those listed below may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

3364 Main Street a/k/a 3364-3366 Main Street ("First Piece" at Volume 1609 Page 336) owned by Dermoth H. Brown, owing 514,121.34. Midland Funding, LLC; Tania Amendola; and Hedco, Inc. as successor to Hartford Economic Development Corporation in addition to those listed below may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

3372 Main Street a/k/a 3372-3374 Main Street ("Second Piece" at Volume 1609 Page 336) owned by Dermoth H. Brown, owing \$172,193.02. Midland Funding, LLC; Tania Amendola; and Hedco, Inc. as successor to Hartford Economic Development Corporation in addition to those listed below may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

31 Sunset Street (Volume 1431 Page 287) owned by Beverley Dawes, owing \$25,023.33. Santander Bank, N.A.; and TD Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as successor to American Savings Bank in addition to those listed below may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

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30 Atwood Street (Volume 6057 Page 20) owned by James Franklin, owing \$48,178.28. Berkshire Bank, itself and as successor to The Connecticut Bank and Trust Company in addition to those listed below may have interests which will be extinguished

by the sale.

118 South Street (Volume 6896 Page 261) owned by Gemini 'M' LLC, owing \$21,633.62.

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399 Capitol Avenue a/k/a 399-405 Capitol Avenue ("Parcel Two" at Volume 6846 Page 125) owned by Gordon Properties LLC, owing \$18,272.93. TD Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo Bank, Trustee for Delta Funding Home Equity Loan Trust in addition to those listed below may have interests which will be extinguished by the sale.

85 Harold Street (Volume 4161 Page 181) owned by Faye Linton-Johnson n/k/a Faye Linton-Williams, owing \$17,632.76.

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240 Flatbush Avenue (Volume 7129 Page 207) owned by Unell M. Menns, owing \$52,206.36.
230 Edgewood Street (Volume 7198 Page 40) owned by Ogilvie Myers, owing \$16,785.34.
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LAND & WATER RESOURCES DIVISION Notice of Coastal Consistency Review State of Connecticut Federal Consistency Determination for American Lobster Permit Ownership Caps and Mandatory Harvester Reporting

and Mandatory Harvester Reporting

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has received a request submitted by the NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service Greater Atlantic Regional Office (NMFS) pursuant to Section 307(c)(1) of the Coastal Zone Management Act to review a proposed action affecting coastal resources for consistency with the enforceable policies of Connecticut's federally approved Coastal Management Program as contained in Sections 22a-90 through 22a-112 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Additional information on the proposed action for the proposed American Lobster Permit Ownership Caps and Mandatory Harvester Reporting Requirements is available at the Public Notices link at www.ct.gov/deep. A summary of the proposal and supplemental information are available for inspection at the Land & Water Resources Division, DEEP, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT O6106, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or by email upon request. All interested parties are invited to express their views on this action. Written comments must be submitted to the Department no later than fifteen (15) days from the publication date of this notice. Comments or questions regarding this notice should be sent in writing through email to Karen Michaels at Karen. Michaels@ct.gov.

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Please contact Karen.Michaels@ct.gov if you are seeking a communication aid or service, have limited proficiency in English, or require some other accommodation. If you wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint, you may submit your complaint to the DEEP Office of Diversity and Equity at (860) 418-5910 or via email at deep.accommodations@ct.gov. In order to facilitate efforts to provide an accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as pos-sible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program or event. Approved by: Brian P. Thompson, Director

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction Extra space Storage will note a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:
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I FGAL NOTICE TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 7 REFERENDUM VOTE

Pursuant to Section 10-51 of the General Statutes of Connecticut revised, notice is hereby given to the legal voters and those entitled to vote at town meetings in the Town of Barkhamsted that a referendum will be held on Tuesday May 3, 2022 for the purpose of voting for the approval or disapproval of the following question:
"Shall the Regional School District No. 7 Annual Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 be accepted?"
"Yes" vote is for approval. "No" vote is for disapproval.

res vote is for approval. No vote is for disapproval. Voting will take place in the Barkhamsted Town Garage, 33 New Hartford Road, Rte 44, Barkhamsted, CT. Optical Scan voting machines will be used. The polls will be opened at 12:00 p.m. and will remain open until 8 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk as provided by law. Dated at Barkhamsted, CT this 15th day of April. 2022. HIIy P Krouse, CCTC

Town Clerk 4/19/2022 7193046

East Haven CT Minority Opportunity — Silktown Roofing is currently soliciting SBE/MBE/DBE subcontractors for Public Notice; City CT-Project Name. Trades; portable restrooms. Material Supply; flat stock metal, lumber. Our bid submits on Wednesday, April 27, 2022. If additional time is needed for your submission please call our estimating department. Interested parties are asked to contact us at subcontracting@silktownroofing.com. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. East Haven CT Minority Opportunity

Liquor Notices

LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, TIMOTHY J DEVIVO, 42 KAYA LN MANSFIELD CENTER, CT 06250-1332. Have filed an application placarded 04/12/2022 with application placeaude U-9/12/2022 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a CAFE LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 184 CLUB RD NORTH WINDHAM CT 06256-1308. The business will be owned by TEE TIME EVENTS LLC. Entertainment will consist of: Acoustics the constraint of the Consumer (not amplified), Disc Jockeys, Karaoke, Live Bands, Comedians, Sporting Events Objections must be filed by: 05-24-2022.

TIMOTHY J DEVIVO 4/13, 4/20/2022 7190058

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LIQUOR PERMIT NOTICE OF APPLICATION

This is to give notice that I, LUIS H HERRERA MATEO, 21 ARNOLD DR, EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108-2909. Have filed an application placarded 04/12/2022 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a GROCERY BEER PERMIT for the sale a GROCERT BEER PERMIT OF the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 1071 BURNSIDE AVE EAST HARTFORD CT 06108-3820. The business will be owned by HERRERA MINI MARKET LLC. Entertainment will consist of: Objections must be filed by: 04/12/202 04/12/2022

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OBITUARIES

Ball, Elizabeth A (Slade)



Elizabeth Ann (Slade) Ball, daughter of the late William and Catherine (Spielman) Slade, passed on Friday, April 15, 2022 in Vernon. Elizabeth was born April 24, 1933 in Bristol, CT. She retired from AH Harris & Sons where she worked for many years. She enjoyed shopping, antiquing, and traveling with family and friends. She leaves a legacy

of love and kindness and will be missed dearly. Elizabeth is survived by her beloved children Deborah (Raymond) Milvae of Tolland, Pamela (Richard) Demonte of New Britain and William (James) Ball of Plainville; her of New Britain and William (James) Ball of Plainville; her grandchildren Raymond (Tonya), David (Joy), Michael (Kristina), Danielle and Corrin (Andrew), great-grandchildren, sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. Elizabeth is predeceased by her siblings, William, Robert, Richard, and Catherine, as well as her Great-Granddaughter Caroline. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 PM on April 22, 2022 at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Plainville. Elizabeth's family will receive visitors prior to Mass from 10:00 - 11:45 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Plainville. Interment will be at St. Mary Cemetery in New Britain. Arrangements have been entrusted to Bailey Funeral Home of Plainville. To leave a message of remembrance, please visit www.BaileyCares.com. of remembrance, please visit www.BaileyCares.com.

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Jessica Elizabeth, (Martin) Stevens



The world lost one of its finest people when Jessica Stevens passed away on April 14 at the age of 35 after a heroic three and a half-year battle with cancer. strength and grace during that time was nothing short of remarkable. She lived her life as an adventure, always having her sights on her next

goal. Along the way she touched many lives with her generosity and kindness. She was born October 28, 1986, to Pat and Bill Martin. Growing up in East Lyme, Connecticut, she was always active, participating in an assortment of activities to include Girl Scouts, cheerleading, softball, horseback riding and piano lessons. There was little she wouldn't Her favorite sports became swimming and crew, where she competed on a varsity level. At 15 she became a lifeguard. This then became a summer job at the Yale Outdoor Center for several years. After attending a semester at Quinnipiac College, she enlisted as a reservist in the Coast Guard and shortly after decided to take a one-year active-duty assignment in Seattle where she worked at an anti-terrorism unit. This led to a life-long service with the Coast Guard. She served as a coxswain for small boats ensuring safety and law enforcement on the water. She held many qualifications, and her motto was always, "failure is not an op-In addition to Seattle, her tours of duty included six months at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, a cutter in Massachusetts and stations in Connecticut and North Carolina. She also worked as an advocate for female victims in the Coast Guard. After the birth of her son, she left active duty and became a reservist, to ensure time with her family. She worked briefly at a Women's Crisis Center and obtained her realtors license, before pursuing her life-long passion for flying. Having had her first flight lesson on her 16th birthday, it was always her dream to fly. She went on to flight school and became a flight instructor and eventually the Director of Operations for an independent flight school in NC. During one of her flights (at 7 months pregnant), the plane engine failed, and she made an emergency landing in a cow field with no injuries or damage to the plane. When flying with Jess, you always knew you were in capable hands. She received her BA degree from American Military University and was halfway through her MBA at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte before her cancer returned for the second time. Jess loved the ocean and being out on the water, pop up thunderstorms and the scent in the air that fol-İowed, and was a devoted Red Sox and Patriots fan. Jessica's husband, Scott Stevens, Jr., stood closely by her side throughout her medical struggle. He was deeply devoted to her care including being the donor for her liver transplant at Pittsburg Hospital. He was always there to ensure her medical and emotional needs were met. She is survived by her husband, Scott needs were met. She is survived by her husband, Scott Stevens, Jr, her son, Colton, her daughter, Hadley and her stepdaughter, Ruthie, her parents, Bill and Pat Martin, her brother, Corey and her honorary brother, Jon. She is also survived by Scott's family - parents, Scott Sr. and Cheryl, siblings, Adam, Maddie and Abby, Grandmother, Kathy Adams, and aunt, Pam McCreary. As well as her cousins and many, many friends. She was many things to many people. An amazing daughter, sister, wife and friend, but most importantly, she was a Mom. Jessica will always be remembered for her generosity of spirit, her kindness, her sense of adventure, her positive outlook on life and her beautiful smile. Her thoughts were always of others, touching many lives throughout her short life. She was loved by many. The family would like to thank the Coast Guard, and the many nurses and doctors in the Atrium network that helped her along the way, with a special thank you that helped her along the way, with a special thank you to Oncologist, Dr. Kadakia. We would also like to thank the Forged Brotherhood Motorcycle Club, Huntersville First Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Daycare and First Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Daycare and the many friends and family that supported Jess and her family during this journey. A memorial service is planned for Friday, April 22 at Huntersville First Baptist Church, 14813 N Old Statesville Rd. Visitation will be at 1:00 with the service at 2:00. A second service for her friends and family in Connecticut will be held at the Flanders Baptist Church, 162 Boston Post Rd in East Lyme on the following Friday, April 29 at 1:00. A private burial with military honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery. The family has asked friends and family to write some memories of Jessica that can be family to write some memories of Jessica that can be compiled and saved in a book for her children (submit

Country School in CT. Raymer-Kepner Funeral Home is serving the Stevens family. Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries

at www.KepnerFH.com). In lieu of flowers, contributions in her honor can be made to Veterans Airlift

Command (www.veteransairlift.org) or to the Waterford

Albani, Marie C.Afflitto



Marie Carmella Albani, R.N., of East Hartford, beloved wife of the late John C. Albani, peacefully passed away Thursday, April 14, 2022 at Water's Edge Center for Health & Rehabilitation, Middletown.

Marie was born in Springfield, MA on April 23, 1924, daughter of the late Frank S. and Carmella "Emma" (Di Nucci)

Stella Afflitto. She was a graduate of the School of Commerce, and the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing,

Class of 1945, in Springfield.

Marie retired from industrial nursing at Holo Krome Industries in West Hartford in 1984. She was a member of the Mercy Hospital Alumnae, the Young Italian American Association Ladies Auxiliary, and the East Hartford South End seniors. She was a member of Our Lady of Peace Church and a volunteer for the American Red Cross for five years. She was an avid bowler and

UCONN Huskies Women's Basketball fan.
Marie leaves a daughter, Donna and her husband Sal
Fazzino of Middletown and two grandchildren, Lisa
Emanuele and her husband Claudio, with their daughter Eliana, all of Cromwell; and Brian Fazzino and his wife Patricia, with their son Nathaniel, all of Bethel. Marie is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Rose Kobylinski of Fairfax, VA and one sister-in-law, Gloria Afflitto, of Agawam, MA, as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, Marie was predeceased by her son, Richard Albani; sisters, Ann (Stella) Odierna, Theresa (Afflitto) Parisi and brothers, Frank and James Stella and Anthony, Salvatore "Sonny" and Frank, Jr. Afflitto. The family wishes to thank the caring staff at Water's Edge.

Friends and relatives may call on the family Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the D'Esopo-East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Peace Church, 370 May Road, East Hartford The family is requesting that attendees wear masks for all indoor services. Burial will be in Rose Hill Memorial Park (Section 20), Rocky Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marie's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. To share a memory of Marie with her family, please visit www.desopoeh.com.



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Dickau, Bernadette C.

Bernadette C. Dickau, 79, of Holiday, FL, formerly of Bristol, passed away on Tuesday March 22, 2022. She was born on November 24, 1942 in Bronx, NY, daughter of the late Stephen and Eileen (Kirshner) McHugh. Bernadette was the loving wife of Arthur Paul Dickau, who passed away in 1999. She was very involved with who passed away in 1999. She was very involved with her church, St. Vincent De Paul of Holiday, FL, as a Eucharistic Minister, member of the ladies guild and donation counter; and in her community as a member of the Beacon Square Civic Association. She loved going to and watching UCONN Women's Basketball and Connecticut Sun games with her friends in both Florida and Connecticut. Bernadette's family meant the world to her and she is survived by her two sons the world to her and she is survived by her two sons Mark Dickau and his wife Melissa and Paul Dickau and his wife Dawn of Southington; grandchildren Alexandra Thomas, Madeleine and Daniel; grandpuppies Casey and Molly; and grandkittens Vaughn and Weiss; and several nieces and nephews. Besides her husband and parents, Bernadette is predeceased by her brother Albert McHugh and nephew Jeffrey McHugh. Calling hours will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022 at O'Brien Funeral Home, 24 Lincoln Ave, Bristol from 6 PM until 8 PM. A funeral will be help directly at St. Matthew Church, 120 Church Ave, Bristol for a 10 AM Memorial Mass on Saturday April 23, 2022. A committal service will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Bernadette's tribute page at www.



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McKenna, John F.



John Fergus McKenna of Waban, Massachusetts passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2022. John was born in Kearny, New

Jersey on November 11, 1967, the son of Joseph & Margaret (McMillan) McKenna. John and his family moved to Oakdale, Connecticut 1978. In 1986 John graduated from Saint Bernard High

School, Uncasville, CT, and then from the University of Connecticut, Storrs, in 1990 where he obtained a BA in Economics. After college, John became a Certified Financial Analyst (CFA). He worked on Wall Street as an equity research analyst at Smith Barney and sub-sequently as a small cap portfolio manager at Aeltus

While at UConn, John met the love of his life, Kristen Szymurski of Pawcatuck, CT whom he married in 1995. John and Kristen lived in New York, NY before settling in Ivoryton, CT where they resided for 22 years while raising their two sons, Jack and Sean. John's greatest joy was being a dad, and he was a doting father. As the only boy growing up with three sisters, he was overjoyed and filled with pride when each of his sons weré born. In 2020, the family moved to Waban, MA.

John was an avid sports & music fan and loved to coach little league, park & rec basketball, and was a founding member of Buddy Baseball which was established on the Connecticut shoreline for children with special needs. He was known for his great sense of humor, Irish wit and quick one-liners. When John wasn't with his family, working, or giving back to the community, he was texting with his close friends whom he viewed as brothers. For over 35 years, he and his St Bernard brothers were tied together by their love for fantasy football and each other.

John is survived by his wife Kristen; sons Jack and Sean; his sisters Margaret Mager (Ron) of Bronxville, NY, Deirdre Reed of Old Saybrook, CT, Moya McKenna (Liam Donovan) of Austin, TX; and his nieces Lauren Heery, Rachel Reed and nephews Owen Reed and Andrew Mager. He also leaves behind an Uncle, Joseph McMillan (Bernadette) of Ardglass, Co Down, No Ireland, as well as many cousins in Ireland, Connecticut, Ohio, and New Hampshire.

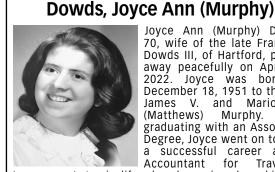
A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, April 23rd, 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, 22 Haigh Avenue, Niantic, CT. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made

to www.tighedtogether.org.
Condolences may be shared on John's memorial page at www.neilanfuneralhome.com

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Joyce Ann (Murphy) Dowds, 70, wife of the late Francis J. Dowds III, of Hartford, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2022. Joyce was born on December 18, 1951 to the late James V. and Marion A. (Matthews) Murphy. After graduating with an Associates Degree, Joyce went on to have a successful career as an Accountant for Traveler's

Insurance. Later in life, she also enjoyed working for Windsor Public Schools as a cafeteria monitor. Joyce was happiest when she was able to spend time with her loved ones. She also enjoyed being able to be outside for walks reading books spending time with animal state. side for walks, reading books, spending time with animals; especially dogs, and watching her beloved Boston Red Sox play baseball.

Joyce will be dearly missed by her loving family, especially her daughter Heather Caddigan and her husband Tom of Winthrop, Massachusetts, as well as her cousins, William Matthews and his wife Barbara of Hartford, Edward Matthews of Connecticut, Kay Fisher of Newington, Kathy DeBoer and her husband Dirk of Newington, and Michael Janowicz and his wife Linda of Walpole, Massachusetts. She is predeceased by her brother, James V. Murphy, Jr. and her sister Marion E. Murphy.

Friends and family may visit on Thursday, April 21, 2022 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Rd. Wethersfield. Graveside services will be on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 12Noon in Windsor Veterans Memorial Cemetery (Section 8) 122 East St, Windsor, CT, all attendees are asked to go directly to the cemetery. For further information or to leave a condolence, please visit FarleySullivan.com.

Farley-Sullivan Funeral Home

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Foster, Neil Joseph



Neil Joseph Foster, 74, of New Britain, husband to Donna (Macomber) Foster, died on April 18, 2022. Son to the late Joseph and Rosalyn Foster, Neil was born in Springfield, MA and raised his family in New Britain. In addition to his beloved

wife, Donna, Neil is survived by his son Daniel Foster of Waterbury; son Patrick and daughter-in-law Cathy Foster of New Britain; and Amy

Arlin, whom Neil considered a daughter; grandchildren Robin, Maggie, Kiernan, and Segan, and Robin's fiancée, Michael Bonilla; and many extended family members and friends. Neil traveled many times to his ancestral homeland of

Ireland, and obtained dual citizenship. Very interested in genealogy, Neil met a number of his Irish relatives and relatives of Donna. Among his other interests were woodworking, photography, and classic cars. A dedicated teacher, Neil taught electronics and many other areas of technology at Manchester High School for over thirty years. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St.

Jerome Church, 1010 Slater Road, New Britain on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 11:00am. Friends and family are invited to call upon Neil's family at New Britain Memorial & Donald D. Sagarino Funeral Home, 444 Farmington Avenue, New Britain the evening prior, Thursday, April 21, 2022 from 4-7 pm, as well as the morning prior to Mass from 9:30-10:30am.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to The Children's Museum, 950 Trout Brook Dr., West Hartford, CT (thechildrensmuseumct.org). For an online memorial, please visit www.NewBritainSagarino.com.

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Knybel, Gladys B. (Warner)



Gladys B. (Warner) Knybel, 79, of Granby, passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Born on October 12, 1942 to the late Chester H. and Bertha L. Warner, she was raised in New Hartford and graduated from Northwest Regional #7 in 1960. She lived in Granby and East Granby all of her life. Gladys worked for T.M. Perry Company, Connecticut General, Stanley McBeth, and retired from Granby Public Schools in 2001. Gladys was also an Avon Products representative for over 40 years. She was a lifelong member of the Washington Hill United Methodist Church in Barkhamsted where

Hill United Methodist Church in Barkhamsted where she enjoyed being involved within the life of the church and making sure that it was cared for. She was also a member of the Friendship Club of East Granby. In her spare time, she enjoyed helping others, going to tractor pulls with Henry, shopping, watching the UCONN girls and the Boston Red Sox. Gladys was an avid collector of many things. If you needed something, she probably had it. Growing up on a farm, Gladys loved animals and had a pet Raccoon "Tubby" and later had her favorite breed of dog, a Chow Chow named Foxy. She is survived by her two daughters, June & Frederick LaForge Jr and Ginger & David Marquis; three grandchildren, Aaron Marquis, Marissa LaForge, and Trista LaForge all of Windsor Locks; her brother Steven Warner and wife Joann of New Hartford; her nephews and nieces, Nannette Ashby, Chester Warner, Steven Warner, and Christina Warner. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her former spouse, John "Jack" F. Knybel; her longtime friend, Henry Hayes Jr; her brother, Calvin H Warner; and her nephew, Calvin C Warner. Her family will receive friends on Thursday, April 21, 5-8 p.m., at the Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home, 364 Salmon Brook St., Granby. A funeral service will be held on Friday, April 22, 10 a.m., at the Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, New Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Washington Hill United Methodist Church, c/o 482 Salmon Brook Street, Granby, CT 06035. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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Duff, Harriett



Harriett Helen Flavell Duff, age 84, of Manchester, CT, died on Monday, April 18, 2022. Harriett was born on August 20, 1937, in Manchester, CT and was the daughter of the late Helen and Henry Flavell. She graduated from Manchester High School in from

Harriett had an immense love for her family, her friends, and her life in Manchester. for her family, her friends, and her life in Manchester. Indeed, her relationships were her life's true joy. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of 58 years, Lawrence (Larry) Duff, Sr. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Lawrence Duff Jr. and Holly Massett of Takoma Park, MD and Paul and Jill Duff of Manchester, CT. She also is survived by five grandchildren who she treasured dearly -- Ryan and his wife, Jamila, Matthew and his partner Lauren, Megan, Jenna, and Sophia, and her great granddaughter, Vera Elizabeth (of Ryan and Jamila). Harriett is also survived by her dear sister and brother-in-law, Janet and Harvey Wahnquist. Harriett thoroughly enjoyed and loved her large extended family, including numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

As generations changed, Harriett became a Duff family matriarch and Christmas Eve at her house was not to be missed! Harriett's passions also included the UConn women's basketball team for which she was a longtime season ticket holder, and her lifelong church, Center Congregational Church of Manchester, where she was a member of the choir. She had a strong and loyal work ethic and was employed at Pratt & Whitney, Manchester Memorial Hospital, and the Savings Bank of Manchester of Manchester.

Harriett will be truly missed by all who knew her, and her deep love and faith will always define her in our hearts. All are invited to greet the family at the John F. Tierney Funeral Home, 219 West Center Street, Manchester, CT, Friday, April 22, 2022, from 4-7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2022, at Center Congregational Church (11 Center Street, Manchester, CT), with a reception to follow at the church. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Center Congregational Church of Manchester in memory of Harriett. For online condolences, please visit www. tierneyfuneralhome.com.

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Lee, Jr, Frederick



Frederick William Lee, Jr., of Manchester, died suddenly and peacefully on April 16, 2022 at the age of 78. Fred lived a full life with his wife Naruemol, his family and his friends. He was a loving and devoted husband and caring father to his only son, Bill Lee, of Middletown. Fred was

Lee, of Middletown. Fred was caring and kind to everyone. Fred was most diligent and hardworking with his own power washing business. For relaxation, he and his wife enjoyed taking day trips to Essex, Connecticut and to Hampton Beach, New Hampshire on the weekends when they had the time. They also enjoyed time in Ogunquit, Maine. Basketball, football, biking and fitness were sports he enjoyed playing throughout his life and he was an avid fan of watching many sports. watching many sports.

A small private service for Fred was held on April 18, 2022 in Unionville. Fred will be greatly missed by his wife, his family and the many friends in his community. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Later, Paul M.



Paul Later, 94, of West Hartford, passed away Sunday April 17, 2022. Born

Sunday April 17, 2022. Born in Hartford, son of Mary and Sam Later, Paul graduated from Weaver High School then served in the U.S. Army before attending and graduating UConn. Paul was an avid sailor and pilot and enjoyed life to the fullest. Devoted husband to the late Sandra Later for 53 years. Survived by his loving children Jodi Silton, Don Later and his wife Carey, Andy Isenburg, and Michael Lloyd, grandchildren Rachel Silton, Jordan Silton and his wife Kristen, and 3 great grandchildren. Loving brother of Marjorie Shatz. grandchildren. Loving brother of Marjorie Shatz. Graveside service at Temple Sinai Newington on Wednesday April 20 at 11am.

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Magdaleno, OMD, Richard P.



Richard P. Magdaleno, US Navy Combat Veteran, Doctor of Oriental Medicine and Grandmaster of martial arts died at home surrounded by love, Friday, April 15, 2022 he

He is survived by his wife Joni Maxwell, his brothers Jacob, and Robert, his sisters Mary Alice and Sandra, and was

predeceased by his sister Martha. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Rodney and his wife Susan, sister-in-law Julie and her husband Lee, and numerous nieces and nephews in Connecticut, Colorado and the southwest

Richard served in the U.S. Navy from 1962 to 1971. During Vietnam he sailed on the USS Cacapon and other vessels and boats including piloting a PBR. Richard graduated from the University of Northern Colorado and the Korean Acupuncture Association in Seoul, Korea. Martial arts was a way of life for him, he was the Grandmaster of his organization, Lei Lum Tong - Thunder Dragon Association, teaching Tang Soo Do & Sam Shou Chuan for over 50 years. Richard will be greatly missed by his many students across the country. Richard loved traveling the world and was an avid photographer. He loved spending time with his family, especially being with his nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 23rd at 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Brooklawn Funeral Home, 511 Brook St. Rocky Hill, CT 06067. A military burial will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to www.crtct.

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06118 or any veterans organization of your choosing.

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Cameron, Isaiah



Isaiah Cameron, 25, departed this life on April 9, 2022. For details on service and full obituary, please visit https:// www.hkhfuneralservices.com/ obituaries/Isaiah--C--Cameron o b I d = 2 4 6 1 2 0 8 1 # / celebrationWall

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Consic, Ronald J.



Ronald J. Consic, 61, of Burlington, CT passed away peacefully on April 14, 2022 surrounded by family and friends after a brief illness. He was born on September 19, 1960 at New Britain General Hospital and grew up in Newington, CT. Ron was the proprietor of City Alignment in New Britain for

over 30 years. Ron was the type of person that you did not forget after meeting him. For those who knew him, he was funny, boisterous and energetic. He was truly one of a kind. He was a selfless, loyal friend that could be counted on for anything at any moment. You could always find him with a dog by his side as he was equally as loyal to his many dogs, rescuing several through the years. He will be sorely missed by his family and his many friends who loved him just as he was. Ron was a loving and devoted father to his children Corbin of Burlington, CT and Kira of Scottsdale, Arizona. He is predeceased by his mother Theresa, brother Gregory and sister Suzanne, and leaves behind his father John and sisters Noreen,

Jackie, Sandra and their families.

A celebration of Ron's life will be held at Indian Hill Country Club in Newington, CT on Thursday, April 21st from 1-4pm. All are welcome to attend. As requested by his children, dress is casual, just like Ron would want it. To share a memory or leave condolences please visit www.rwwfh.com. Arrangements by the Robinson Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, Centerbrook, CT.

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Chavez, Daisy



Daisy Chavez born in Cuba to the late Francisco Chavez and Ramona (Vasquez) Chaves on July 30, 1947, passed away on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. She leaves to Cherish her memo-ries her loving wife, Linda Cramer; brother, Lazaro Cramer; brother, Lazaro Chavez; dog, Amber and a host of relatives in Florida, Indiana, in Massachusetts and New

Interment will be at Saint Mary's Cemetery, 1309 Stanley Street, New Britain, CT 06051.



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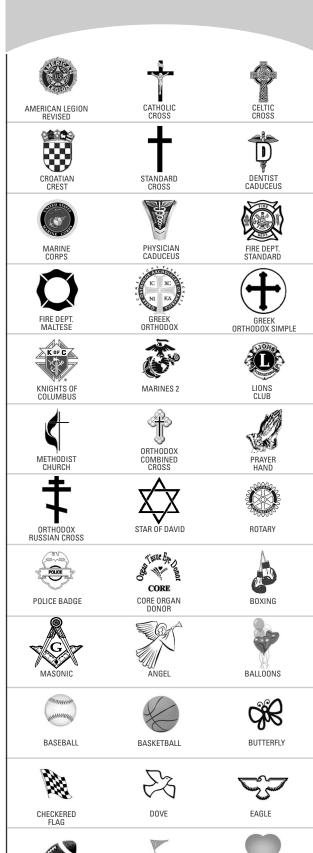
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Suspect charged in triple shooting

Hartford man allegedly involved in confrontation that left one dead and one paralyzed last spring

By Taylor Hartz Hartford Courant

Police Tuesday charged a second man in connection with a triple shooting in Hartford that left one man dead, another paralyzed and another wounded in the city last spring.

Lamont Fields, 24, of 76 Webster St., Hartford, was charged Tuesday with murder, conspiracy to commit murder, criminal possession of a firearm and two counts of first-degree assault, according to the Hartford Police Department.

Fields was turned over to the

Hartford police upon his release from federal custody Monday. He also faces federal charges following his arrest last summer for allegedly carrying an illegal ghost gun that federal prosecutors have said matches the ballistics of the weapon used in the triple shoot-

Investigators allege that on May 4, 2021, about 6:20 p.m., Fields and Joshua Rodriguez of East Hartford were involved in the shooting on the 100 block of Norwich Street in Hartford. Three men allegedly confronted Rodriguez - who police arrested in November –

Park and told him to stop assaulting a woman, police said.
One of the friends, Chaquan

Jones, 33, of Congress Street, was killed in the shooting, police said. He was shot in the chest.

The two other men, both in their 20s, were also shot:, one in the leg and one in the back. One of them was paralyzed from injuries sustained in the shooting, records

Fields is scheduled to appear in court in Hartford next on April 28 and is being held in lieu of \$2

He also faces pending federal charges of unlawfully possessing a firearm and ammunition and is expected to appear in court next

outside an apartment near Colt on those charges May 9.

Police charged Rodriguez,20, of John Street in East Hartford. five months ago with conspiracy to commit murder, accessory to murder and two counts of first-degree assault.

Rodriguez allegedly assaulted a woman who he was arguing with near a pair of parked cars on Norwich Street that spring evening, according to police. Jones and his friends, who were on the sidewalk, told him to stop. Rodriguez told Fields to hand him a gun, but Fields allegedly opened fire on the group, according to an arrest warrant.

Rodriguez also has several pending cases in Connecticut criminal court, including charges

of stealing a firearm, violating a protective order and selling narcotics in Hartford in 2020 and stealing a firearm and illegal possession of a weapon in Hartford last year, court records show.

He is being held at the Manson Youth Institution in Cheshire in lieu of \$2.8 million bail and is scheduled to appear in court next on May 24 in Hartford, records

The investigation of the shooting remains active and ongoing, police said. Anyone with any information regarding the case is asked to call the HPD Tip Line at 860-722-TIPS (8477).

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Sen. Richard Blumenthal speaks Tuesday in East Hartford with Ray Frigon, from left, of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Anne Hulick, of the nonprofit Clean Water Action, and Lori Mathieu, of the state Department of Public Health. ALEX PUTTERMAN/HARTFORD COURANT

River cleanup effort gets boost from federal funds

Dangerous 'forever chemicals' found in Hockanum River, other Connecticut sites

By Alex Putterman Hartford Courant

EAST HARTFORD - Funds from last year's federal infrastructure legislation will help clean up dangerous chemicals in the Hockanum River, among other sites in Connecticut, officials said Tuesday.

At a press conference in East Hartford, where residents are warned not to eat fish caught in the local river, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal said the funding would be a first step toward reducing perand polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, in Connecticut.

"We wish there were no PFAS in Connecticut, but we know that PFAS has contaminated our rivers and our soil, partly because of neglect and ignorance but also the failure to act," Blumenthal said.

In total, the \$1 trillion bipartisan federal infrastructure bill includes \$10 billion to address PFAS in drinking water, which Blumenthal described as far short of the needed total. The funds will go directly to towns, which can use them for testing and remediation of PFAS.

How much of the \$10 billion for PFAS reaches Connecticut will depend on applications from towns, Blumenthal said.

PFAS are common chemicals used in many consumer and industrial products that often find their way into soil, water, air and fish. When present in high levels, they can have harmful health effects on

humans and animals. "Many of Connecticut's rivers and rivers across our nation contain PFAS, just because PFAS is so ubiquitous and is used in so many everyday products," said Ray Frigon, an environmental analyst

at DEEP. Earlier this month, the Connecticut Department of Public Health and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection issued a consumption warning for fish caught in the Hockanum River, citing high levels of PFAS. Specifically, DPH and DEEP recommend avoiding fish caught in the river below the Shenipsit Lake dam in Vernon to the Connecticut River, in Manchester's Union Pond, in other small ponds along the Hockanum River and in the Tankerhoosen River near where it branches off from the Hockanum.

Trees along the Hockanum River are currently marked with signs in English and Spanish warning "do not eat fish caught in these waters."

Frigon said cleaning up the river will be a long-term effort that will begin with identifying where PFAS are coming from.

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Tackling chronic shortage of EMTs

Struggling to find volunteers, some area towns turn to hiring

By Jesse Leavenworth Hartford Courant

To address a continuing shortage of emergency medical technicians, cut reliance on mutual aid and keep local lifesaving response fast and effective, Vernon is hiring eight EMTs at an initial cost of \$687,000.

Town leaders' recent decision comes amid long-term losses in ambulance crews throughout the state and nation. Other Connecticut communities and independent ambulance agencies, particularly those that rely on volunteers, face decisions similar to Vernon's.

"Several towns have indicated that they are struggling to find EMT volunteers and are hiring paid personnel or contracting with other providers," Betsy Gara, executive director of the Connecticut Council of Small Towns, said.

Although volunteer EMT numbers have been falling for years, COVID-19 concerns worsened the shortage. Coventry lost half its EMT volunteers due to COVID-19 concerns and had to hire temporary workers, Gara said. Town leaders added \$500,000 to their proposed budget to cover EMT costs, she

Durham Volunteer Ambulance Corps closed its doors, Gara said, "because without volunteers, the cost is unsustainable without town subsidy." The town now contracts with Middlesex Health for emergency medical services.

Vernon plans to cover the busiest ambulance shifts with the new hires, who are being offered "very competitive" wages and benefits, Town Administrator Michael Purcaro said.

"We are confident this plan will help us achieve a long term

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New schools chief for New Britain

East Hartford native fluent in Spanish will take over after outgoing Sarra's clashes with mayor

Staff report

The New Britain school district appointed Tony Gasper as its new superintendent Monday night, a few months after the current superintendent and her second-in-com- Gasper mand announced plans to leave following a year of clashes with Mayor Erin Stewart.

Gasper, an East Hartford native, comes to the city from Wolcott, where he has served as schools superintendent since 2015, according to a statement from the New Britain school

"After an in-depth search for a candidate who best matches the identified educational priorities of our community, the board is



excited to welcome Dr. Gasper to our community to serve as superintendent of schools," said Gayle Sanders-Connolly, chair of the school board and its search committee. "We look forward to working collaboratively with Tony to keep press-

ing forward on critical district Gasper began his career

teaching high school Spanish in Manchester, where he was promoted to World Language coordinator. He then served as assistant principal of East Hampton High School, before taking roles as assistant superintendent in Windham and Ansonia. He has also worked as a consultant with the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Gasper, who is fluent in Spanish, has spent most of his 26-year career in urban districts, the statement said, and hopes to partner with New Britain clergy, neighborhood organizations, businesses and Central Connecticut State University.

"I strongly believe that New Britain is primed for a citywide renaissance, and I am excited to play a part in the city's continued growth," Gasper said. "I am deeply thankful to the Board of Education for entrusting me with the city's most precious resource: the students and staff members of our schools."

Beginning in the role July 1, he will replace Nancy Sarra, who in January announced her plan to retire when the 2022 school year ends in June. Assistant Superintendent Michael Foran also

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Wethersfield names next town manager

Controversial budget season coming to a close

By Don Stacom Hartford Courant

After a tumultuous year, Wethersfield on Monday night chose Frederick Presley, a county administrator in Virginia, as its new town manager.

Presley will start work May 9 with plenty of challenges, including a lawsuit from the former police chief and controversies surrounding service cutbacks in the new budget proposal.

The town council began a search in the winter with 25 candidates and narrowed the field to Presley, administrator of Stafford County, Virginia, and Matthew Harline, who served 2 ½ years as assistant manager of



Presley

resigning last October. On Monday night, the council unanimously

Dover, Delaware, before

selected Presley, who had extensive government experience in Rhode Island before relocating to Virginia in 2020. Stafford County, about 40 miles

southwest of Washington, D.C., has more than 150,000 residents.

"He did his homework about the town," Mayor Michael Rell said. "He has great plans for the town as well as a vision where he can see the town going forward in the next 10 to 15 years."

Wethersfield has been looking for a new leader since Gary Evans

Turn to Presley, Page 2

Catalytic converter thieves hit Plainville school bus fleet

About 200 students forced to scramble for rides, authorities say

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

About 200 Plainville students had to find a ride to school Tuesday morning or be late because of catalytic converter thieves, officials said.

The thieves cut through the fence at the local DATTCO school bus lot overnight and cut the devices off 18 gas-powered school buses, police said. A DATTCO employee discovered the theft shortly after 5 a.m.

The thieves only targeted smaller school buses or vans, said Plainville superintendent of schools Steven LePage. Still, about 200 of the school district's 2,300 students were affected.

"That's been an unexpected challenge to our operations," LePage said.

He said he alerted the families of the affected students that they may want to provide a ride to school or they would have to wait for the district to get substitute buses. The delay for those with no ride was about two hours, he said.

He opted not to delay or cancel school, LePage said.

"We didn't want criminal behavior to impact the operation of our schools," he said.

Police said they continue to investigate the thefts and are gathering evidence.

The Plainville lot on South Canal Street isn't the first DATTCO bus lot to be hit. Last summer, thieves struck at a DATTCO lot in Manchester, damaging 10 school buses and leaving some children without a way to get to summer

A few months earlier, thieves stole 28 catalytic converters from Greater Hartford Transit District buses in East Hartford. There was no disruption in service for the disabled people who depend on

The converters, which are part of a vehicle's undercarriage, used precious metals and chemical reactions to clean exhaust. The value of those metals has gone up, climbing steeply during the coronavirus pandemic, with recyclers shelling out \$50-\$250 per converter, according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau.

Anyone with information about the Plainville thefts is asked to call Det. Steven Chase at 860-747-1616,

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Bethel business owner faces prison in \$500K tax evasion

Attorney guilty of tax fraud

By Taylor Hartz Hartford Courant

A Bethel man who owns a landscaping business and multiple rental properties pleaded guilty to federal tax evasion charges and faces up to five years in prison, according to federal officials.

Timothy P. Draper, 54, of Bethel, pleaded guilty this week to one count of tax evasion for allegedly underreporting about \$1.8 million in business receipts on his tax returns between 2015 and 2017, resulting in his failure to pay more than \$500,000 in income taxes, according to a statement from the office of the U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut.

Draper has so far paid back \$1.1 million in back taxes, interest and penalties, the statement said.

Draper owns and operates T&M Lawn and Landscape, which

A personal injury and criminal

defense lawyer practicing in Hart-

ford was found guilty Monday of

tax fraud, with federal authori-

ties saying he avoided taxes while

"spending lavishly" on cars, water

vehicles and a \$1.5 million home,

according to the Connecticut U.S.

bury, who owned and operated The

Law Offices of Deron Freeman at

90 Brainard Road, Hartford, was

found guilty by U.S. District Judge

Deron D. Freeman, 47, of Glaston-

provides services such as landscape design, stone wall building, snow removal, flower and vegetable gardening and custom patio installation to customers in Fairfield County. The company has been in business for more than 30 years, according to its website.

He also owns multiple residential properties in Bethel and in Danbury, according to federal officials said.

An investigation by the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation Division in New England, found that between 2015 and 2017 Draper failed to deposit multiple checks paid to him from his landscaping business and rental properties into his business operating accounts, the U.S, attorney's office statement said, which led to the income tax evasion charge.

Draper is set to be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Sarah A. L. Merriam on July 11, officials said.

Gasper

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intends to retire in August, just before the 2022-23 school year

ain schools administrator, took over district leadership in 2016 after a year of interim administrators following the departure of Superintendent Kelt Cooper. Supporters credit her with increasing parent engagement and staff morale after Cooper's tumultuous tenure.

Cooper had been recruited from Texas amid high expectations that he'd improve the city's perennially struggling schools. But his tenure ended with an angry stalemate between him and the school board, and bad relations with

Stewart, a Republican, last year used her State of the City speech to condemn the performance of the school system, calling it "a massive bureaucracy that is failing our students."

The proposed 2023 New Britain budget again flat funds city schools.

Last month, four Republicans on the school board called for buying out Sarra's contract early, but the full board wouldn't go along. Before that meeting, about 150 of Sarra's allies rallied downtown on her behalf, and former Democratic Town Chairman John McNamara wrote in the New Britain Progressive that Sarra was being targeted for "resisting inappropriate power grabs from city hall."

Sarra, a longtime New Brit-

Stewart.

Over the past year Sarra has also clashed with Stewart, who has criticized the district for not improving student test scores. Sarra has emphasized that New Britain gives its schools the second-lowest funding per student of any community in Connecticut; Stewart argued that student performance ranked dead last in the state by several measure-

Gasper will be the 10,000-student district's sixth leader in a decade.

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resigned in September following a protracted battle with James Cetran, the popular longtime police chief he suspended in

Evans and Cetran continued clashing after Cetran's return, and the town council later fired the chief in June 2021.

Interim Town Manager Bonnie Therrien last fall chose Rafael Medina to take command of the police force, but Cetran is still pursuing two lawsuits to get his job back.

Cetran claims that his dismissal was unlawful because Evans violated a key agreement. When Cetran returned from administrative leave in early 2021, Evans committed to not interfering with his operational decisions, the lawsuit says. In return, Cetran agreed to retire by August of that year.

The lawsuit claims Cetran rescinded his retirement deal only after Evans broke his side of the agreement. The council concluded Cetran had no right to stay in the job, and fired him in June; Cetran is asking a Hartford Superior Court judge to reverse that decision and award punitive and compensatory damages.

And just four months ago, a female Wethersfield police officer sued the town claiming a long-standing pattern of discrimination and sexual harassment on the police force.

Presley's most immediate concern, however, may be the proposed \$115.6 million budget that carries a roughly 3.7% spending increase but also requires some service cutbacks.

After months of work on the budget, Therrien announced that the town would have to reduce some costs to keep taxes from rising by more than 3.2%.

"I know the council would like to be able to keep all current programs and services intact for the enjoyment of all, but in order to reach my recommended level of spending, I am proposing the closing of Willard Pool this year and reduced hours at the transfer station, along with a \$100,000 cut

to the library," she wrote in her proposal.

Town government spending would rise by 2.23% under her plan, while the school board would get nearly 5% more. The council will review the proposal

and set a budget by mid-May. Numerous residents turned out Monday night to urge the council against service cuts or spending reductions.

"Let the library keep operating as successfully as it has," George Kelly of Pickering Lane told the council in his plea to restore the \$100.000 that Therrien has cut from the library's request.

Suzanne Barton of Main Street recommended the town focus on adding new business to raise taxes instead of making spending reductions.

"When we talk about taxpayers not being able to afford bills we also have to look at ways to improve our tax base," Barton said. "There are many empty buildings that have been empty for decades — and redevelopment is not evident. We have to look at the long-term picture."

Jessica Martin of Church Street cautioned against reducing the library or school budget requests, saying "Any cuts to quality-of-life services will drive families like mine with young kids out of town."

Therrien's budget message contained a note of caution for Wethersfield in future years: Expenses are projected to outpace new revenues.

"I do not see any positive change in the coming years in the costs of our fixed expenditures such as health benefits, utilities, capital and vehicle costs and ongoing maintenance costs," she wrote, and large grand list growth from new development is unlikely because so much of the town is already built out.

Therrien cited four possible solutions: Keep raising taxes to maintain services, shift more services to a pay-for-play model where users cover 100% of the costs, get state legislators to authorize local taxes on such expenses as hotels or meals, or create new incentives for private investors to redevelop empty office or retail buildings.



David Pearson, a trainee at Emergency Resource Management in Haddam, familiarizes himself with the ambulance. COURANT FILE

EMTs

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and sustainable solution to our EMS staffing challenges, and mitigate the town's reliance on the mutual aid system," Purcaro wrote in a recent letter to Ellington town leaders.

Along with the shortage of EMTs, emergency medical calls in town have increased dramatically, Purcaro said. The increase is due mostly to the town's aging population, but also to continuing opioid overdoses and other factors. The combination of rising call volume and diminishing EMTs, Purcaro said, has swelled the load on mutual aid, in which communities cover each other's medical emergencies when necessary.

The town could have contracted with a private ambulance company, "but when we looked at return on investment, it did not work for Vernon," Purcaro said. The number one job in government is public safety, he said, and town residents have made it clear they want reliable emergency medical response.

The cost to taxpayers for the new EMTs will be no more than \$100,000 annually because the local ambulance will bill for more calls that have gone to other towns through mutual aid or to private ambulance companies, Purcaro said. The new hires are to be on board in the next two months or so, he said.

As in many towns throughout Connecticut, Vernon once relied on volunteer ambulance crews. In Bethany, First Selectwoman Paula Cofrancesco relayed a message from the captain of the local ambulance corps, who wrote that new volunteers are still joining and being trained, but the need remains to use a staffing agency to provide EMTs several days a week.

The American Ambulance Association, an advocacy group, has moved to make the persistent shortage of emergency medical personnel a public policy priority. The organization, according to a statement on its website, is working with key congressional committees and developing legislation "to target increasing access for ground ambulance service organizations to federal programs and funding for the retention and training of health care personnel."

New Hartford's independent, nonprofit ambulance organization lost a third of its volunteers with the outbreak of the pandemic, president Nicholas Maltby said. New Hartford Ambulance had been using a staffing agency, but in January they hired their own full-time and per-diem EMTs. Staffing costs have risen 70% since the start of the pandemic, Maltby

The bulk of the ambulance organization's budget comes from insurance payments, with help from yearly municipal contributions. Along with rising costs, people's expectations of emergency medical services have increased, Maltby said, and additional training to meet those expectations and technical advances has been necessary. Pay and benefits for the job have improved with the increased demand, he said.

The heart of the job, however, is helping people, Maltby said, and anyone who rides with an ambulance crew for a week will see the impact they have — even if it's just a call to lift an elderly person off the floor and back into

"To me," he said, "that should be a career."

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Victor A. Bolden on four counts of failure to pay income tax and three counts of making and subscribing a false tax return, according to federal

By Taylor Hartz

Hartford Courant

authorities. Between 2006 and 2010, Freeman "fell severely behind on his federal tax payments" and failed to pay an overdue tax balance, leading the Internal Revenue Service to file a collection action against him in

2010 for taxes from the three years

prior, federal authorities said.

Freeman set up a payment plan with the IRS in 2011, but shortly after started using a bank account that was set up in the name of a third-party, according to federal authorities.

By June 2012, Freeman had paid off his back taxes from 2008 and ended his payment plan. But he then transferred nearly \$250,000 into his bank account from that third-party account and filed false returns for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013, failing to pay taxes on about \$950,000

in income, federal authorities said. He also failed to pay taxes in 2014 and 2015, despite evidence at trial that showed the attorney purchased new cars, bought water crafts and built an expensive new home between 2012 and 2016. federal authorities said in a state-

Freeman faces up to 13 years in prison, officials said.

He is free on a \$100,000 bond until his sentencing, which has not yet been scheduled.

Cleanup

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"I would anticipate that this would be a yearslong process," he

Blumenthal said cleaning up PFAS will not only make Connecticut residents safer and healthier but will also have an economic benefit, allowing for more fishing in the state's interior.

"Even if you're not a fisherman or a swimmer or a boater, think of the potential economic impact," he said.

PFAS have been a growing focus in Connecticut dating to a task force convened by Gov. Ned Lamont in 2019, which culminated in an action plan focused on minimizing exposure to PFAS, reducing future releases of the chemicals and the cleanup of those already in the environment.

The new initiative led to testing in rivers statewide, which revealed elevated PFAS levels in fish in the Hockanum River.

Anne Hulick, Connecticut director of the nonprofit Clean Water Action, said the new federal funds will bolster yearslong efforts from staff at DEEP and DPH.

"The funding that will come to this state will really help them ramp up the good work that they've already started," Hulick

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A sign along the Hockanum River in East Hartford warns residents not to eat fish caught in the river due to high levels of PFAS. Officials say federal funds will help clean up chemicals in the area. ALEX PUTTERMAN/HARTFORD COURANT

Rizzuto's in West Hartford closes permanently

By Susan Dunne Hartford Courant

Rizzuto's Restaurant & Bar, the high-end Italian eatery at 111 Memorial Road in West Hartford, has permanently closed, it was announced on its website. Another restaurant owned by Ridgefield-based Gallo Restaurant Group will move into the vacancy, Rizzuto's owner said.

Stacy Parkinson, owner of Rizzuto's, released a statement regarding the closure:

"Our main thanks is to the employees, past and current. Restaurant workers are underpaid, overworked and underappreciated. Our team's work, particularly during the pandemic, has been incredible. The current team, led by our General Manager Lyn Armington, has been remarkable. Lyn died suddenly last month and her death has hit us hard, but we take great pride in what she and her team did at Rizzuto's. We hope that many on the team will stay with the new operator. We

thank the Town of West Hartford for its help over the years. Its flexibility during the pandemic has been helpful. And we thank the current owners and management of Blue Back Square. Their help during the pandemic allowed us to stay open for the last two years. Now they have found a new tenant and provided us the opportunity to move on."

Taking its place will be Gran Gusto, an Italian restaurant to be run by Gallo Restaurant Group, which operates Gallo Ristorante in Ridgefield, Parkinson said. An opening date for the new restaurant has not been announced. The release says Gran Gusto will offer "traditional Italian classics in an upscale format."

Rizzuto's, which opened in 2008, had a rocky path through the pandemic. It reopened in August 2020 but closed again temporarily in October of that year, citing a loss of outdoor dining, loss of bar usage and its site in Blue Back Square, where the need to pay for parking made

customers less likely to want to get takeout.

In spring 2021, Rizzuto's got a \$760,990 Restaurant Revitalization Fund grant. It reopened in June and did interior renovations in August and redesigned the bar in October.

Rizzuto's in Westport, which is unaffiliated with the West Hartford location, will continue to operate, Parkinson said.

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Bread and Puppet Theater's production of Aeschylus'"The Persians" will be held this weekend at UConn's South Campus Lawn. JOSEPH GRESSER/COURTESY

Political protest troupe performing antiwar tragedy in streets of UConn

By Christopher Arnott Hartford Courant

The legendary Vermont-based political protest performance troupe Bread and Puppet Theater returns to Connecticut this weekend for two performances of Aeschylus' war-themed Greek tragedy "The Persians" outdoors on UConn's South Campus Lawn at 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The performance includes gigantic puppets, 20 community volunteers assisting the puppeteers, choral wailing and Bread and Puppets singular "Lubberland" style of gesturing and movement, giant paintings, dance and a classical score drawn from J.S. Bach.

"The Persians" was first performed in 472 B.C., part of a tradition of Greek drama that celebrated war victories, but different from many examples of that genre because of the way it elicits sympathy for the victims and decries war in general. Due to its compassionate approach, "The Persians" has often been revived as an anti-war protest piece, including during the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the Iraq War and now in reaction to Afghanistan and Ukraine. In notes on his production, Bread

IF YOU GO: "The Persians" by Aeschylus will be performed by Bread and Puppet Theater Saturday and Sunday at 4 p.m. on the South Campus Lawn of the University of Connecticut, Storrs. \$15, \$10 students. Audience members should bring their own chairs and blankets. There are also street performances at noon on Wednesday on UConn's Fairfield Way and a forum on "Bread and Puppet's 'Persians': Making and Performing a Puppet Tragedy" at noon on Thursday in the UConn Dramatic Arts Department's Mobius Theatre. Find more information at bimp.uconn.edu.

and Puppet Theater founder Peter Schumann asks "Can our own permanently warring military industrial empire learn from this?"

The two outdoor performances of "The Persians" will be preceded days earlier by Bread and Puppet's colorful street shows at noon on Wednesday along UConn's Fairfield Way and a forum discussion on "Making and Performing a Puppet Tragedy" at noon Thursday in the UConn Dramatic Arts Department's Mobius Theatre, with Schumann (now 87 years old) as one of the participants in the discussion.

Tickets for "The Persians" are \$15, \$10 for children. The other events are free, and the forum will be livestreamed on Zoom and Facebook and then kept online on the YouTube and Facebook pages of UConn's Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry.

Bread and Puppet formed in the early 1960s in the Lower East of New York City, performing socially relevant puppet shows about poverty, tenement living and antiwar protests. The company has always alternated smaller indoor or street corner performances with larger-than-life puppets that were part of parades, pageants and large

outdoor performances.

In 1974, Bread and Puppet moved to farmland in Glover, Vermont, where the company performs regularly and also creates its international tours. From the mid-1970s until the late '90s it was also known for hosting its large outdoor summer Domestic Resurrection Circus festivals.

John Bell, the director of UConn's Ballard Institute & Museum of Puppetry, is one of many puppeteers in the state who've worked with or been influenced by Bread and Puppet. Bell worked with the company in the 1970s, wrote a book about them ("Landscape and Desire: Bread and Puppet Pageants in the 1990s") and does his own political puppetry projects as a member of the Brooklyn-based troupe Great Small Works.

The University of Connecticut has one of the most prestigious puppetry programs in the U.S. This month, the puppetry program is also busy with performances of the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" at UConn's Connecticut Repertory Theatre, for which the puppeteers designed the comically carnivorous plant Audrey II.

Bread and Puppet has visited Connecticut many times, including for a pageant on New Haven Green as part of the first International Festival of Arts & Ideas in 1996. The troupe has regularly visited Middletown at the invitation of the local socially conscious theater Artfarm.

The first time Bread and Puppet performed at the University of Connecticut was over 50 years ago, in 1970.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Roads shut down after possible grenade dug up

A neighborhood was evacuated Monday afternoon when a man unearthed what looked like a hand grenade, police said.

The man was using a metal detector on the residential property at 369 Troy Road with the owner's permission when he found the item, Sgt. Mark Cleverdon said. He dug it up and realized he should call the police. The call came in about 2:45 p.m.

The section of Troy Road between Rye and Brookfield streets was blocked off, and officers made sure anyone in the area stayed away, Cleverdon said. There are no houses nearby.

Police called the Hartford police bomb squad and technicians took an X-ray of the device, but they couldn't tell if it was real.

Even if it was, the device prob-

just to be safe, the bomb squad disposed of it, he said. "It was very likely under there for a long time," Cleverdon said. The road reopened about 6

ably was deteriorated and not dangerous, Cleverdon said. But

— Christine Dempsey

MERIDEN

Train strikes unoccupied car stuck on tracks

A train crashed into an unoccupied car that was stuck on the tracks early Tuesday, but no one was injured.

About 2:10 a.m., police got a call about a car that was stuck on the railroad tracks at Center Street and North Colony Road. While the dispatcher was talking to the caller, police learned a train had just struck an unoccupied car.

Officers arrived at the scene and determined that the car's driver had been heading south on North Colony Road. Due to the bad weather, the driver was unable to see the tracks and then got stuck on them. The driver was unable to move the car off the tracks as a slow-moving freight train approached.

"The operator of the vehicle was able to exit the car safely before the collision occurred," police said in a release.

An investigation of the crash is being handled by Amtrak police.

— Christine Dempsey

Owner of Place 2 Be creates new Hartford-based restaurant group

By Susan Dunne Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Gina Luari, who founded The Place 2 Be in Hartford in 2016 and now has restaurants in Hartford and West Hartford, has founded The Statement Group, she announced Monday.

"Having a restaurant group allows for scalability and better continuity in systems, human resources, operations, so on. You get to create a corporate team and put systems in place that oversee all of the units instead of just running all the units individually," Luari said.

The announcement said Luari would be CEO, "Chopped" champion Xavier Santiago will be culinary director and Mo Major, also a winner on the Food Network competition show, will be assistant culinary director.

Luari has been working on opening New Haven and Springfield, Massachusetts, locations of The Place 2 Be — known for all-day brunch and cocktails — and has planned three other restaurant concepts, which are being partially funded by the city of Hartford's Hart Lift Grants, which will help entrepreneurs fill vacant storefronts. The recipients of those grants were announced in February by Mayor Luke Bronin.

Luari's granted restaurants are Charred, a brick-oven pizza place to be built in the old firehouse at 275 Pearl St.; Cantina, a Mexican/ tapas restaurant at 900 Main St., where Dish used to be; and RAW at 280 Trumbull. Each of those proposals received a \$150,000 Hart Lift grant, which must be matched 100%. Luari said she and the landlords are providing the funding match for each place.

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Luari said Cantina is starting construction soon and she hopes to open by year's end, Charred is still in development; and RAW is expected to open early this summer, perhaps June. The Springfield The Place 2 Be, inside the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, will open in a few weeks, and the location in New Haven is set to open in late

The restaurant group is building offices at 57 Pratt St. in Hartford. The original Franklin Avenue location of The Place 2 Be opened



Gina Luari has founded The Statement restaurant group to encompass her expanding location of The Place 2 Be as well as pizza and Mexican restaurants soon to open in downtown Hartford. **COURANT FILE**

Monday after a renovation. The Constitution Plaza location is under repair following a fire in March that Luari said caused \$100,000 in damage to the interior of the restaurant.

Luari has spent her life in the

waiting tables at her parents' restaurant, Town Line Diner in Rocky Hill.

restaurant business, starting out

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Sec. 21(f) of the City Charter, a public hearing is scheduled by the Ordinance Committee of the City Council, duly authorized, on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. in the Bristol Main Library, 5 High Street, Bristol, CT on the following proposed amendments to the Bristol Code of Ordinances.

Secs. 6-34 through 6-38 regarding changes in the voting districts and

News publication of the complete text of the Chapter are dispensed with due to its length. Copies are available for public distribution at the City Clerk's Office during office hours.

Therese Pac Town and City Clerk 4/19,4/20/2022 7190948

TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public Sayurook Will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2022 in the 1 st floor conference room, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via teleconference to consider the following:

Petition to Amend the Old Saybrook Zoning Regulations to prohibit cannabis as defined in Sect. 21a-240 of the CT General Statues with the exception of any existing, or proposed adult use and, or medical cannabis dispensary facility

or medical cannabis dispensary facility that obtained an approved Certificate of Zoning Compliance (CZC) prior to1/1/2022. Sect. 9 Definitions: Cannabis, cannabis cultivator, cannabis dispensary facility (adult-use and medical use), cannabis establishment, cannabis manufacturing (indoor), cannabis cannabi nabis micro-cultivation, cannabis product and pharmacy. Sect. 11 Prohibition of cannabis gifting and cannabis smoking lounges/parties. Sect. 53 Special standards for expansion of cannabis dispensary approved by CZC prior to 1/1/2022 by Special Petitioner: Old Saybrook

https://zoom.us/j/92356062093?pw d=WEZSYVdRcm1Dcms4d2wxMGFTVit

Meeting ID: 923 5606 2093 Meeting Passcode: 302302 Teleconference Dial-In: (929) 436-2866 One Tap Mobile: tel://9294362866,,92356062093#

At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communications may be submitted in advance via email to chris.costa@ oldsaybrookct.gov or regular mail. Copies of applications and plans are on file in

the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and at www.



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF FRANCIS X. KEHOE, III, Late of East Haddam (22-00002)

The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenstock, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region # 14 Probate Court, by decree dated March 28, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

The fiduciary is: Margaret E. Kehoe, 104 Smith Road, East Haddam, CT 06423 4/20/2022 7193761

The Estuary Transit District (ETD) is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified individuals or firms to obtain Automatic Vehicle Location Proposals intent is to have a review of all current procedures and processes related to AVL and receive recommendations and implementable policies and procedures. Proposals: Requests for copies of this RFP shall be in writing and shall be addressed to Ennab Mutez, Estuary Transit District, 91 N Main St. Middletown, CT 06457 or to emutez@estuarytransit.org.
It is the responsibility of the Proposer to assure that correspondence has been received by ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT. Any questions or comments directed to other ESTUARY TRANSIT DISTRICT emother ESTUART HANNSH DISHICL employees, officials or agents may result in an Offeror's Proposal being disqualified. Questions: All interested Proposers who requested a Proposal will receive all issued addenda. Questions or requests for clarification prografied any appeter. for clarification regarding any aspects of the proposal must be submitted in writing to the attention of Ennab Mutez, Estuary Transit District, 91 N Main St. Estuary Iransit District, 91 N Main St, Middletown, CT 06457 or to emutez@ estuarytransit.org and must be received by 3:00 pm EST on May 5, 2022. Proposal Due Date: Proposals, to be considered and evaluated, must be received before 3:00 pm EST on May 21, 2023. 31, 2022. Proposals received after the above scheduled opening time and date will not be considered. Faxed or e-mailed proposals are not acceptable. 4/20/2022 7193188

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"Himalaya Café" Application for Modification to Special Exception to allow 32 outdoordining seats. 1456 Boston Post Road, Map 26/ Lot 17, Gateway Business B-4 District, Pedestrian Node, Coastal Area Management Zone
Applicant/Owner: Malimaa K
Associates Agent: Robert Doane, PE

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OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION 4/20 & 4/27/22 7182720

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location

2 Douglas St Bloomfield, CT 06002 Wednesday, May 4th, 2022 IPM 1245-Stuart Carlisle-Household Items 1391-Lina Gutierrez-Clothes and Shoes 1391-Lina Gutierrez-Clothes and Shoes The auction will be listed and adver-tised on www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facil-ity in orde rto complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property. the personal property, 4/20, 4/27/2022 7190861

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ast Hampton, AKA Marie Helene Nichol 22-00081)

The Hon. Jennifer L. Berkenstock, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Region of the Court of Probate, District of Region #14 Probate Court, by decree dated April 15, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Debra C. Daniels, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is: Corinne E. Farrer c/o KELLY GALICA PECK, CUMMINGS & LOCKWOOD, LLC, 75 ISHAM ROAD, SUITE 400, WEST HARTFORD, CT 06107

William J. Russell c/o JOHN F SHAW, JOHN F. SHAW, PC., 363 MAIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457

4/20/22 7193502

NOTICE OF DECISIONS MIDDLETOWN PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING **APRIL 13, 2022**

1. Approved special exception for a proposed office use to occupy space on the first floor in an existing building located at 10A Main Street in the B-1 zone. Applicant/Agent: Foster Charles, Charles IT. SE2022-1.

2. Approved special exception for map lot 33-0072 Walnut Street for the sale of used cars. Applicant/Agent: Timothy Potvin, Lincoln Auto World, SE2022-2.

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3. Approved special exception to convert area above the garage at Grace Covenant Church to a small apartment for caretaker of property for 999 Randolph Rd. Applicant/Agent: Wm. Benjamin Shaw, Shaw's Associates, LLC. SE2022-3.

4. Approved site plan for the rehabilitation of the 46,000 SF building with commercial space and 48 residential apartments located at 339 Main Street in the B-1 zone. Applicant/Agent: David Marasow, 339 Main, LLC. SPR2022-9.

5. Granted an affirmative GS 8-24 report for the conveyance of two parcels located at 395 Country Club Road from the City of Middletown to Middletown Youth Soccer. Applicant/Agent: City of Middletown, Land Use Dept. GS 8-24 2022-6.

Thomas Pattavina, Chair Planning and Zoning Commission 4/20/22 7191879

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Shea Eschman, a photographer and surrogate mother from Yukon, Oklahoma, is carrying twins for a gay couple in Italy. SEPTEMBER DAWN BOTTOMS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Anxious and waiting ...

Thousands of aspiring parents are desperately seeking surrogates

By Danielle Braff | The New York Times

harlie Lee and his husband want to have a baby. But they are facing a major hurdle: They have 12 viable embryos, but no one to carry one. The couple has spent a little over a year searching for a surrogate. They were originally told by their surrogacy agency that they would be matched with one in six months at the most. That was in January 2021; 15 months later, they are still waiting.

Before the pandemic, surrogate mothers were typically paid about \$35,000 (fees are unregulated and usually determined by the surrogates and their agencies, if they work with one) and wait times for a match tended to be about three to six months.

Now, Lee, 31, and his husband, who conceived their embryos using donor eggs, have increased their offer to \$50,000 plus medical fees and other compensation, such as maternity clothing and transportation costs.

We are anxious and we are just waiting," said Lee, who lives in Madison, Wisconsin, and is a student in an MBA program. "There's nothing else I can do at this point," he said.

Lee and his husband are contending with the same issue as thousands of other aspiring parents — most often same-sex couples or couples who are facing fertility issues — in the United States: an approximately 60% decrease in potential surrogates, according to the 10 agencies The New York Times spoke to, along with doubled wait times and significantly higher fees.

According to Jeff Hu, a founder and the director of SurrogateFirst in Los Angeles, COVID-19 vaccination is one issue spurring the surrogacy shortage. A number of potential surrogates, Hu said, don't want to get vaccinated. Many intended parents, however, are requiring their surrogates to, Hu said, as research shows a mother will pass the antibodies to the babies in utero.

Additionally, recent studies show that COVID-19 poses many risks to the pregnancy itself.

"You can see where there will be a disconnect in the matching market," Hu said. "There are now terms in the legal contract about vaccination," he added, as well as certain COVID-19 protocols, such as agreeing "to not attend large groups or large public gatherings" for the entirety of their pregnancy.

Vaccine disagreements are only one issue. Many surrogates are themselves mothers, and — like so many of us have been struggling with pandemic parenting and all it entails, including erratic child care.

Consequently, many potential surrogates — many of whom are military wives who are unemployed and use surrogacy to boost the family's income are reluctant to make any other commitments at the moment, said Dr. Deepika Garg, an assistant professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences at Yale University School of Medicine. (In other words, they are exhausted.)

And, Garg said, surrogacy contracts require a commitment of nine months to a year, and this limits travel. As travel bookings pick back up, many surrogates may be hesitant to continue restricting their travel after two years of various lockdowns.

Surrogacy is also often prohibitively expensive, which is among the reasons some American couples turn to surrogates abroad, often for significantly lower fees. But while some surrogates are available abroad, the process can be very complicated, and may take many months, including preparing an egg retrieval, undergoing fertility treatments, transferring an embryo and confirming a healthy pregnancy.

Furthermore, many foreign countries ban surrogacy arrangements with same-sex couples. As a result, having a surrogate who lives closer to home is preferable — or the only option — for some.

And nowhere has the challenge of international surrogacy been highlighted more than in Ukraine, which allows foreign surrogacy arrangements and which, by some estimates, is the largest surrogate hub in the world. The war there has created a gut-wrenching crisis: terrified, pregnant surrogates in fear for their safety and parents unable to reach their newborns.

Benevolence and benefits

There is intense demand to recruit more surrogates, said Eran Amir, 44, the founder of GoStork, a fertility marketplace where intended parents may find, compare and connect with fertility providers, including surrogacy agencies.

He started the agency so others could have more transparency about the surrogacy process.

Amir and his husband, Mike Gowen, have used surrogates twice and are now beginning their third process with one.

They paid about \$200,000 total for their first surrogacy in 2017: \$35,000 for egg donor screening fees, an egg donation, egg donor insurance, the egg donor agency fee, travel expenses and legal fees; \$35,000 for IVF, which included the egg retrieval, creating the embryos and transferring the embryo;

and more than \$120,000 for the surrogacy process, which included a \$35,000 compensation for the surrogate, plus the surrogate agency fee, surrogate insurance, legal fees, screening, travel expenses and other miscellaneous fees. The second time, in September 2020, they paid \$150,000, using a different agency.

Amir, who lives in New Haven, Connecticut, said his relationship with his surrogates has always been very important to him. "We FaceTime a lot and talked on the phone as much as we could," he said. "But because of distance" - the first surrogate lived in Ohio; the second in Tennessee — "and COVID on the second journey, we only met for the first time in person when our babies were born."

And because surrogacy is not allowed for same-sex couples in many foreign countries that otherwise allow it, helping a gay couple is a calling for

Shea Eschman, a photographer who lives in Yukon, Oklahoma, is due July 4 with twins for a gay couple who live in Italy. Eschman, who has a 4-yearold daughter, had spent time on social media talking to others about potential surrogacy when she was having trouble conceiving her daughter. Now, she said, she wants to help people who aren't able to have kids on their own.

Benevolent motives and relationships aside, the surrogacy process has become a bidding war, Amir said, especially within the larger agencies. With the current shortage, the agencies have started trying to lure more surrogates in any way they can.

"More monthly expenses, maternity clothing, prenatal massages, therapists," Amir said. "The bigger the agency, the more you're going to promise your surrogates and we, as parents, have to pay for it."

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- Eran Amir, the founder of GoStork, on how agencies have started trying to lure more surrogates

EX-ETIQUETTE

Don't introduce new partner to kids during family traditions

By Jann Blackstone Tribune News Service

Q: My ex and I divorced after a very public display of infidelity. Everyone knew or found out and my kids were devastated. Even though they were adults, they had a very difficult time with our divorce. After five years, I have finally met someone new. I like him very much. He will be staying with me over an

upcoming holiday, and I would like to introduce my family, but I'm getting a lot of resistance and I don't know why. What's good ex-etiquette?

A: When it comes to meeting your parents' new partners, my advice has always been to go slow, and for the first meeting, try to meet on neutral ground - not on a holiday steeped in family tradition. There's too much comparing, and it's the fastest way for a new partner to appear as an interloper to family.

I am divorced and writing etiquette books on how to cope with ex issues after a breakup. I met a man I like who lives out of town. I have adult children who know my home is the holiday home. You don't have a place to go on any holiday, my home is yours. With that in mind, I'm thinking, invite him! He's staying at

my home. He has no family nearby. He can meet the kids and we can all have a fabulous meal together. My kids, well into adulthood, lose their mind.

"I thought you said, 'Don't introduce new people on holidays'?!" was the chorus on each phone call. After some heated conversations, I had to admit they were right. Of course, there may be times that it is impossible to

follow this rule. But if you can, it's best to introduce someone new at a planned meeting, in a neutral place, on a neutral day that has no family traditions assigned to it. Then SLOWLY integrate your new person into day visits, dinners and family get-togethers. Springing them on your family will not get the results you want. No matter how old you are. No matter how old they are.



Springing a new partner on your family will not get the results you want. **DREAMSTIME**

CELEBRITIES

Romano directorial debut set for fest

From news services

Jon Hamm and Ray Romano are among the Hollywood heavyweights bringing star power to this year's Tribeca Festival with new films set to make their world premieres.

Organizers of the New York City festival on Tuesday announced the lineup of feature-length and short films that will play during the event slated for June 8 to 19, with the highlights including the satirical "Corner Office" starring Hamm as "a straight-laced employee who retreats to a blissfully empty corner office to get away from his lackluster colleagues."

Romano makes his directorial debut with "Somewhere in Queens," a film about a New York father who grows more and more involved with his basketball-playing son. Romano also wrote and stars in the film.

The festival's closing night selection will be the world premiere of the documentary "Loudmouth," which follows the life and career of the Rev. Al Sharpton and puts "a disruptive spotlight on the pastoral prodigy turned political firebrand turned media establishment figure," organizers said.

The Tribeca Festival will also feature the lottery-focused comedy "Jerry & Marge Go Large" starring Bryan Cranston and Annette Bening; the Peter Dinklage-comedy "American Dreamer" about a scheming economics professor; and the romantic drama "Alone Together," which stars and is written and directed by Katie Holmes.

In other festival news: The TCM Classic Film Festival kicks off Thursday in Hollywood with t

day in Hollywood with the help of Steven Spielberg, who will be on hand to celebrate the 40th anniversary of "E.T. The Extra-



Ray Romano, seen March 13, not only directed but also wrote and stars in "Somewhere in Oueens." CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP

Terrestrial." He and stars Drew Barrymore, Henry Thomas, Dee Wallace and Robert MacNaughton will gather for a discussion with TCM host Ben Mankiewicz before the new IMAX restoration of the 1982 film screens.

But "E.T." isn't the only 40-year reunion on the slate. Kevin Bacon, Tim Daly, Steve Guttenberg and Paul Reiser are reuniting for a discussion and screening of Barry Levinson's "Diner." And Aileen Quinn is joining Alicia Malone to talk about playing the lead in John Huston's "Annie."

The festival will celebrate talent such as actors
Bruce Dern and Piper
Laurie as well as animator Floyd Norman. Cast
members of "Cooley High"
and "A League of Their
Own" will also be on hand
to discuss their films.

Lamar announces new album: Kendrick Lamar

revealed the title and release date of his next album on Monday after a fan jokingly accused him of quitting music.

In response to a February tweet from @raptalksk that deemed Lamar "officially retired," the Grammy winner posted a link to his website announcing his first solo record in five years. Lamar's fifth studio album, "Mr. Morale & the Big Steppers," is set to arrive May 13.

"Appreciate your patience," the announcement reads.

April 20 birthdays: Actor George Takei is 85. Actor Ryan O'Neal is 81. Actor Veronica Cartwright is 73. Actor Jessica Lange is 73. Actor Clint Howard is 63. Actor Crispin Glover is 58. Actor Andy Serkis is 58. Actor Shemar Moore is 52. Actor Carmen Electra is 50. Actor Joey Lawrence is 46. Actor Tim Jo is 38. Actor Carlos Valdes is 33.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy

Pregnancy means more relationship control

Dear Amy: I have been estranged from my mother for a little over a year. She was mentally and occasionally physically abusive to me while I was growing up. She herself was abused and neglected as a child.

I have tried to repair our relationship, but she crosses any boundaries I set and places me in difficult situations to prove my love and loyalty.

For example, she asked me to disinvite my brother, who had been estranged from her for years, from our wedding and then refused to attend a celebration with my in-laws in an attempt to embarrass me.

The relationship has been fraught for decades. She refuses contact when she's upset.

Now I'm pregnant with our first child. We are currently not speaking (which is a relief), but I'm torn whether to tell her about my pregnancy.

On the one hand, our baby will be her first grandchild. On the other, if I reach out to tell her, it will be impossible for me to set boundaries without another extremely stressful blowup at some unclear point in the horizon. My husband and I are unsure: What do I owe her? What is best for my new family?

— Torn

Dear Torn: Let's start with what you "owe," and to whom. You now owe everything to your child. Everything. You and your husband will make your share of mistakes — as all parents do — but you will give your child a different and better mother than the one you had.

You will break the legacy of abuse your mother

inherited. She was a hurt child, and she hurt her children. That stops with you.

Important life events may trigger your mother to act out. I won't attempt to diagnose her, but you should assume that regardless of how you behave, she might not ever behave within bounds.

For instance, you tell her about your pregnancy, and she blames and shames you for not telling her earlier. She may then punish you by initiating an estrangement — and blaming you for it. Expect this.

The difference now is that you will be more in control. The way to do this is to be prepared to always say "no" whenever her manipulation or behavior crosses the line. You say "no" and you (figuratively) show her the door.

I believe it is possible to have your mother somewhat in your life but the relationship will only be stable if she is stable. Urge and encourage her to get professional help.

Dear Amy: My father has been asking what should become of a model railroad set he gave to me as a kid.

I've never been passionate about the hobby, and the set has mostly remained in its original packaging at my parents' house in Texas.

As my father enters his mid-70s, I think he's seeking closure on some of these memories. I don't live nearby or usually visit for long enough to build it with him. (It's more like a few starting pieces than a self-contained set.)

Even if I did have the space in my California apartment, I'm not sure

my interest in model trains extends beyond the connection to my father.

Is there an opportunity to connect with him over this without committing myself to a hobby?

- HO Scale

Dear HO: My first suggestion is that you consider making a trip to see your folks that lasts long enough to actually get this train up

and running.
In 10 years' time, you
might wish you had spent
an entire week with your
parents when they were in
their 70s, where all you did
was hang out and play.

Another idea is to tell your father, "I'm sorry this hobby never 'took," but there is another fun way to play with this train set ..." and show him the magic of selling these collectables online. In the original packaging, these pieces could bring in a nice profit.

Dear Amy: Responding to the question from "Feeling Helpless," why should this child's grandparents bear the financial responsibility for his mental health treatment? What are his parents doing?

I have multiple grandchildren, and I love all of them, but I would not be able to pay for that kind of treatment.

- Disappointed

Dear Disappointed: I assumed that the grand-parents were asked to pay for this residential treatment because the family was tapped out.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Your fantasies may not line up with your budget. You may find yourself daydreaming or planning out a perfect vacation or new home. Unfortunately, these may still be out of your price range. That said, they can be what motivates you to improve your career.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): It can be hard to do things alone. Your best efforts may not make a difference when it comes to impressing certain people. You could be loyal to a fault, trying to rationalize the reasons someone hasn't reached out. Make sure that you're not putting your life on hold.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You could know something that others don't. Now, you're privy to some information that you weren't expecting. Instead of spilling the tea to anyone who wants drama, try to keep it to yourself. Avoid the chaos that gossip can cause. Keeping secrets might be your best bet.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): A friend might not be acting so friendly right about now. You may have sensed that something was off, and now you're not sure what the issue is. It is likely that you want to avoid embarrassing them, so talk to them in private and try to figure out a way to build a bridge.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):
Worrying can distort the current reality. When your energy is focused on potential negative outcomes, then you are mentally stuck in the worst version of the future. Do your best to avoid falling into an anxious mindset — instead, try imagining a more positive and fulfilling world!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your plans could fall through if you talk about them. Even if you're bursting at the seams to tell people, don't give in to temptation. This could lead to someone shooting doubt into your mind or taking your idea for themselves. Do the work and then show everyone.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You could be thinking yourself into a corner. The perfect map of your whole life doesn't exist, but you may get stuck trying to create it anyways. Put any plans down and ask yourself if they're taking over your life. Make sure you're not living your whole life thinking about the future.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Other people might be trying to bring you back. Well-meaning actions of yours can still be seen as selfish. Even if others are thankful for everything that you do, they probably want to spend time with you when you're not exhausted. Try to find a healthy balance!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Doing things the same way will likely end with the same results. You may be trying to make something work that hasn't worked in the past. Allow yourself to stop and think about the situation without trying to excuse your methods. You have the opportunity to break the cycle and find the solution.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A dream of yours might be on the other side of a first step. There could be a leap of faith you want to take, but you're unsure if the risks outweigh the reward. Self-doubt and uncertainty stand between you and trying. It'll be satisfying to try and know you gave it a shot.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may currently be torn between tradition and innovation. While you could be known as a person who makes daring choices, you may have your own traditions with loved ones. Someone may suggest a change to the rules for fun. It's OK to say no and keep traditions!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Being honest with yourself might be difficult. You may have an unknown bias, and you could use an outside opinion. Asking someone with more experience than you may help, and you could even bond over their input. Don't be shy when asking for help, especially if you admire them.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On April 20, 1912, Boston's Fenway Park hosted its first professional baseball game.

In 1916, the Chicago Cubs played their first game at Wrigley Field.

In 1972, Apollo 16's lunar module landed on the moon.

In 1999, the Columbine High School massacre took place in Colorado as two students shot and killed 12 classmates and one teacher before taking their own lives.

In 2010, an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil platform killed 11 workers

and caused a blowout that began spewing an estimated 200 million gallons of crude into the Gulf of Mexico.

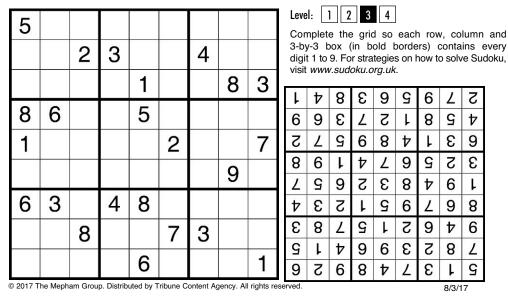
In 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said reports of accidental poisonings from cleaners and disinfectants were up about 20 percent; researchers believed it was related to the coronavirus epidemic.

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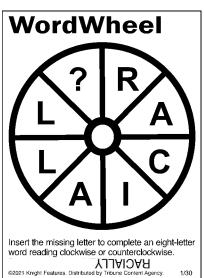
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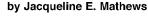


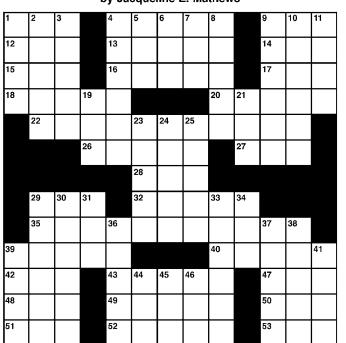


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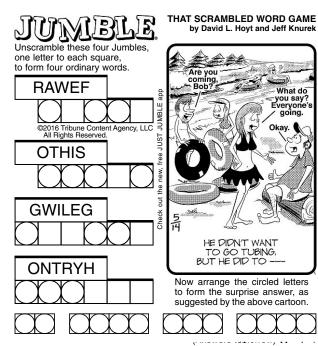
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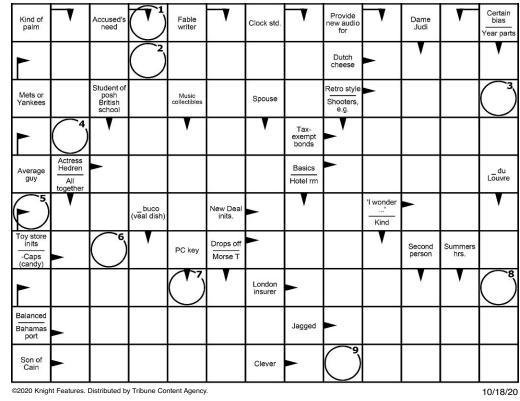
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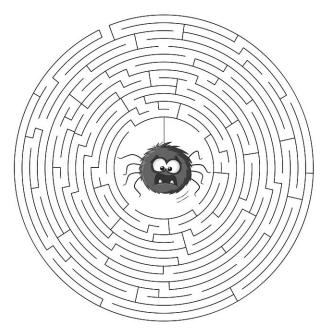
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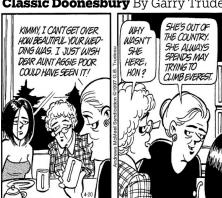








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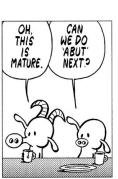


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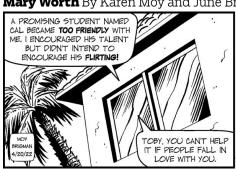








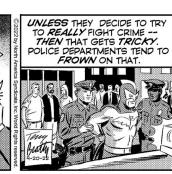
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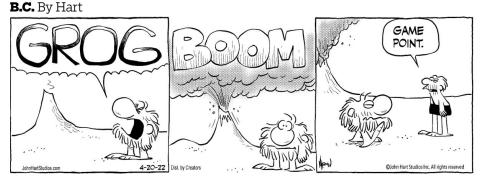
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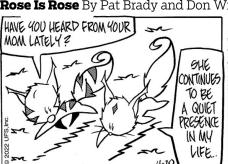
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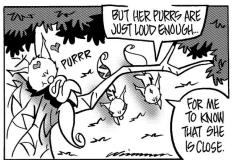






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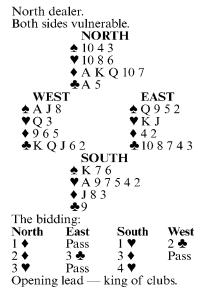
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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER



Imaginative defense

Part of the skill in card play lies in creating situations that give an opponent a chance to go wrong.

For example, consider this deal where East found a way to sink what seemed like a sure-fire contract. True, declarer could have made four hearts, but he was presented with an opportunity to go wrong, and he did.

South took the opening club lead with dummy's ace and played the ace and another heart, losing to East's king.

East then set about searching for a means by which his side could win three more tricks.

It was clear to him from the fall of the trumps that South had started with six hearts, and it was equally clear from his partner's two-club bid that declarer had no more clubs. The only remaining hope for the defense, therefore, was to try to score three spade tricks.

If South had the ace or the K-J of spades, there would be no way to take three tricks

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in the suit. But if South had only the king of spades, the defense had a fighting chance.

So at trick four, East shifted to a spade. But not a low spade, which would have allowed declarer to play low and thus assure 10 tricks. Instead, East returned the queen of spades!

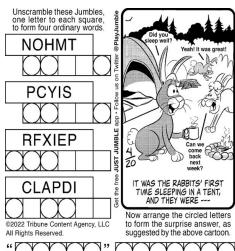
This placed South in a rather uncomfortable position. If East had the queen-jack, the winning play was to follow low and then cover the jack on the next trick (or to play low if East returned a low spade). But if East did not have the jack, the winning play was to cover the queen with the king.

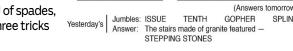
South stewed and agonized for a while, and finally played low on the queen, after which West's A-J of spades set the contract. East's unusual return of the queen gave declarer a chance to go wrong. and he did not find the winning answer.

Tomorrow: A crucial play.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK





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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Traveling with kids? You're not alone



Heidi Stevens Balancing Act

If you've traveled with young kids, you know the

It's a mixture of contempt and sorrow, loathing and dread. It registers on the faces of your fellow passengers, diners, people standing in line to rent a car/check into a hotel/buy sunscreen/ secure a pool towel.

The moment they see you, it registers.

They need this vacation. They need to escape their email/rekindle their marriage/reclaim their time, and you've had the temerity to bring small, unpredictable humans into the mix. Their peace will be disrupted. Their flight will be cacophonous. Their mellow will be harshed. And it's all your fault.

Sometimes the look turns into words - harsh, judgmental words. Words that convey disappointment, really, in your failure to plan better plane distractions or pack better snacks or birth a quieter type of baby or stay home.

The looks and the words wound you, in all likelihood. You internalize them and revisit them, over and over, wondering what you could have - should have, let's be honest — done differently to avoid being such a colossal, epic vacation-ruiner for the nice people around you.

You Google "plane activities toddler" when you get back home, once your wounds have healed enough for you to once again consider traveling outside a four-block radius of your home. You vow to be a better member of society.

Or maybe you do none of those things. Maybe you are a healthy, reasonable



The parts of vacations that bring the most joy are not the breathtaking views or spectacular sunsets (like this one in Puerto Rico) or poolside mai tais, they're the utter lack of tears, writes Heidi Stevens. HEIDI STEVENS/TNS

grown-up, secure in the knowledge that you are doing the very best you can with the circumstances in front of you and sometimes babies cry and sometimes toddlers melt down and sometimes tiny ears won't pop and, honestly, you're in public. Who expects public to be peaceful? Is public an antiquities museum? Did you miss a memo?

When my kids were little, I was not the healthy, reasonable jet-setting grown-up. I was a bundle of nerves and insecurities and exhaustion and guilt and regret and also pretty sure we'd all return home with pinkeye and rotavirus.

My kids are 12 and 16 now and, honestly, the parts of our vacations that bring me the most joy are not the breathtaking views or spectacular sunsets or poolside mai tais. (Although I love all of those.) They're the utter lack of tears. Mine or

We just returned from a spring break trip to Puerto

Rico. I was up early most mornings to sneak in a run before the real heat kicked in, and always there were a few lonesome, exhausted parents wandering the lobby, trying heroically to soothe a time-zoned-challenged baby — in all likelihood so the other parent and/or sibling(s) could continue to sleep.

I wanted to hug them, but that would have been weird. I settled for smiling at them, hoping it conveyed some kind of allyship.

It's tempting to secondguess every one of your parenting decisions, and there's always a chorus of critics and naysayers to feed your endless doubts. This is especially true when you travel with young kids. We should have driven. We should have flown. We should have gone to Disney.

We should have waited

a year. We should have

brought goody bags (or

was it free drink coupons?)

for our fellow passengers

like that woman on "Good

Morning America" (or was it Facebook?). We should have stayed home.

I'm not here to tell you what you should or shouldn't have done. How could I possibly know? But I am here to tell you that I see you and I appreciate you and I want to give you a hug. Or help you find the goggles. Or hold the baby while you cut the toddler's crusts off. Or buy you a drink. And probably someone else around you does

You're not as alone as you

Whatever you're doing on your trip - trying to nudge your kids out of their comfort zone or show them a new source of joy and wonder or remind yourself what makes you feel alive or visit relatives you hardly see — you deserve that every bit as much as the guy in 27B deserves to escape his email.

You did not surrender your right to joy or wonder or aliveness when you signed on to raise our future generations. You don't owe anyone a goody bag or a drink coupon.

And if, on the other hand, you are a person who is not traveling with young kids but simply sharing space with a person who is traveling with young kids, I nudge you toward kindness. You were also a baby once. And a toddler. You also benefit from a world in which children's joy and wonder and brains and imagination are fed. Your patience is so much more appropriate than your disdain.

Parenting can be so, so lonely. And lovely, of course. But also lonely. Kindness really does go a long way.

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WNBA

A fire that still burns

Former UConn women's hoops great, WNBA legend Diana Taurasi still has competitive drive heading into 18th professional season

By Lila Bromberg Hartford Courant

As Diana Taurasi prepares for the 18th season of her WNBA career, she finds herself in learning mode.

The former UConn star is under a new head coaching staff and system with the Phoenix Mercury in 2022, also surrounded by several new players, such as Diamond DeShields and fellow former Husky Tina Charles.

"That's the beauty of every new

season," Taurasi said on Monday. "It's a new cast of teammates, of coaches this year. And every year is different. You can use past experiences to kind of help you get through training camp and the ebbs and flows of it, but it's all new, and you kind of just come into it like a rookie and try to learn everything, try to take it all in and try to apply it on the court."

At age 39, Taurasi certainly isn't a rookie, though.

"I debate every day whether I'm going to come back," Taurasi said,

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Carly Thibault-DuDonis carries the family name into her first head coaching job as she takes over at Fairfield. Page 4

"and I keep coming back."

Taurasi, who averaged 15.2 points, 4.9 assists and 4.4 rebounds per game last season, acknowledged the challenges that come

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The Mercury's Diana Taurasi argues a call with the referees during the first half of Game 4 of the WNBA Finals on Oct. 17, 2021, in Chicago. The former UConn star enters her 18th pro season next month. PAUL BEATY/AP

CELTICS

Making Durant put in work

Boston focused on making Nets star fight for his points

By Mark Murphy Boston Herald

BOSTON - Kevin Durant is not the type to be stopped. The best player in the NBA is simply too great a scorer, but the Celtics at least made the Nets forward work for his points in Game 1.

He shot 9-for-24 - 1-for-5from downtown — and lost the ball six times. Thinking he'll struggle like that again, even against team coverage led by the reigning Defensive Player of the Year, is more of a wish when it's time for Game 2 Wednesday

night. Many Celtics covered him in Game 1, including a very physical Grant Williams. The idea, according to the Celtics forward, is to literally not let

him go anywhere alone. "KD is one of the best players in terms of just the game and history. We have to do a phenomenal job of staying into them because everything has to be tough," Williams said of overall physicality, something the referees allowed after a

whistle-heavy first quarter. "Not just him walking up and down the court, but him trying to just get a cup of water on the sideline," Williams said, seemingly half joking. "If you can be in his face some way, somehow, you can take him off his rhythm, take him off his game. He's going to be aggressive. We all know Kevin Durant, we all know the fact that after a loss, he averages, what, 40-plus

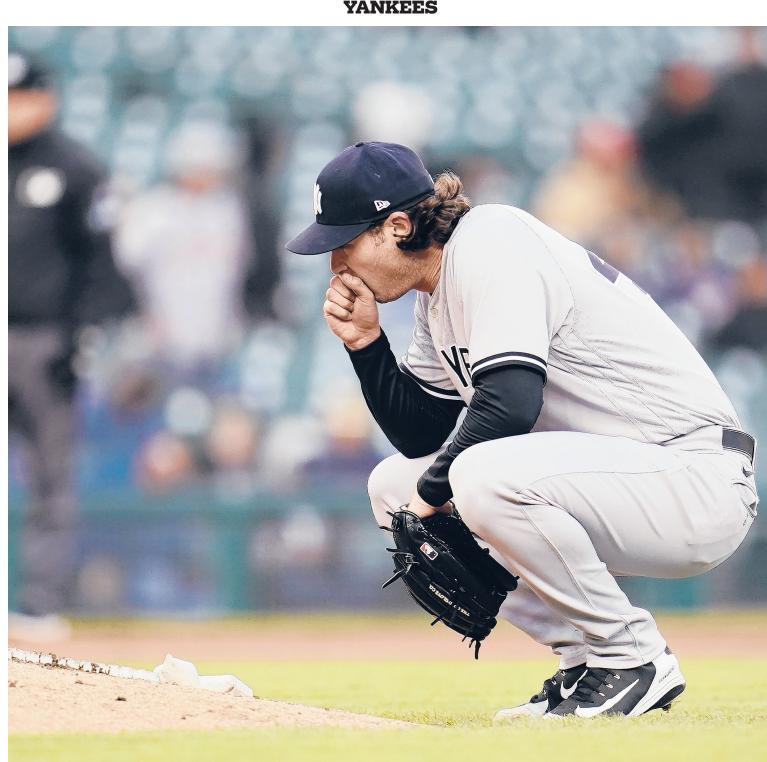
points a game when they play. "We know he's going to come out being aggressive in Game 2. We know that we have to be prepared to not only withhold that but also understand that we can't let tough shots that he hits affect us mentally going on the other end or our defense. And understanding that, as a team, you trust one another to make individual plays. We also

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Up next



Nets at Celtics 1st rd., Game 2 7 p.m., TNT



PAUL SANCYA/AP

OLE CLOBBERED AGAIN

Yankees starter Gerrit Cole reacts after allowing a walk to the Tigers' Willi Castro with the bases loaded in the second inning. It was another disappointing start for Cole, who lasted 1 % innings and allowed two runs and walked five in Detroit on Tuesday night. The game was not over in time for this edition. Go to courant.com for the result.

Volpe not in a rush to get to New York, but he plays like it



Dom Amore

HARTFORD - Derek Dietrich, a major-league veteran of eight seasons, arrived in Hartford Tuesday for a chance to fight his way back and continue his career. He spotted all the cameras trained on the batting cage.

"More cameras than I had in Miami," said Dietrich, who just signed with the Yankees and reported to the Somerset Patriots. "The kid's good."

The kid, Anthony Volpe, is considered the No. 1 prospect in the Yankees' organization and the cameras will be following him all summer.

"It's not something I'm used to, or that you ever think you're going to get," Volpe said Tuesday before playing for Somerset against the Yard Goats in the first of a six-game series at Dunkin' Donuts Park. "But it's part of it, and it's pretty cool. You've got to take a step back and think, 'I'm

only in Double A,' but it's pretty cool."

In his Hartford debut Volpe was hitless in four at-bats from the leadoff position with three strikeouts as Somerset lost 4-0 to the Yard Goats.

It's pretty cool to be Anthony Volpe right now, and it's hard to catch him on the field without a sheepish smile, even when he's picking up routine grounders. He plays his home games a few miles from the New Jersey house in which he grew up. He wears No. 7, because his grandfather's favorite player was Mickey Mantle. His

father's favorite was Thurman Munson and Anthony, who turns $21\,\mathrm{on}\,\mathrm{April}\,28$, imagined he's be a tongue-tied fanboy if he were to meet his idol, Derek Jeter, whose shortstop position he may one day fill in New York. A Yankee kid from a Yankee family in Jersey, the organization's 'it' kid - imagine the joy, and imagine the pressure to succeed.

"There's a lot of outside talk and outside perception," Volpe said. "But I hold myself to a very high standard, that's why I train

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HARTFORD ATHLETIC

Club takes step up in class, hosting Red Bulls in Open Cup 3rd-round game

By Shreyas Laddha Hartford Courant

Hartford Athletic head coach Harry Watling is looking for his club to make a statement on Wednesday night.

His Athletic will be facing a major test against Major League Soccer's New York Red Bulls in the third round of the U.S. Open Cup at Trinity Health Stadium.

It's the first official match against an MLS opponent for Hartford.

"I want our group to go out and play for our fans," Watling said. "I want to show our style. I think we have a really exciting style. I think we are exciting to watch. I want us to be true to that. I don't want us to be tense. I don't want us to sit back and defend for 90 minutes. I want them to have a go and show there are flaws in the opposition we plan to expose."

Hartford defeated Oyster Bay United FC, 3-1, in the tournament's second round to advance to face the Red Bulls. Typically, MLS teams like the Red Bulls enter in the third round of the Cup competition.

The Athletic (0-1-4) come off a 2-0 USL Championship loss to Miami FC on Saturday. Despite no league wins and sitting in last place in the Eastern Conference, the team looks at the opportunity to play the Red Bulls as a chance to turn the season around.

"You can feel the energy in the locker room," Watling said. "They are bouncing and we have not been in a great run of form to start the season. This is something that can change the direction of

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– Harry Watling, Hartford Athletic coach

UP NEXT

Celtics: NBA First Round vs. Nets (Game 2), Wednesday, 7 p.m.; NBA First Round at Nets (Game 3), Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; NBA First Round at Nets (Game 4), Monday, time TBD Nets: NBA First Round at Celtics (Game 2). Wednesday, 7 p.m.; NBA First Round vs. Celtics (Game 3), Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; NBA First Round vs. Celtics (Game 4), Monday, time TBD Bruins: at Penguins, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Rangers, Saturday, 3 p.m.; at Canadiens, Sunday, 7 p.m. Rangers: at Islanders, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; at Bruins, Saturday, 3 p.m.; Hurricanes, Tuesday,

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LACROSSE 5 p.m.: Pennsylvania at Princeton. (Live), ESPNU

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS 9 p.m.: Professional Fighters League, PFL 1: Featherweights and Lightweights. ESPN

12:50 p.m.: French Ligue 1: Stade de Reims vs Lille.

SOCCER

2:30 p.m.: Deutsche

Pokal: RB Leipzig vs Union Berlin. ESPN2 2:45 p.m.: Premier League: Chelsea vs

Arsenal. USA 2:55 p.m.: French Ligue 1: Angers vs Paris Saint-Germain. BEIN

3 p.m.: Italian Super Cup: Juventus vs Fiorentina.

5:40 p.m.: Copa do Brasil: Atlético-MG vs Brasiliense

8:20 p.m.: Copa do Brasil: Portuguesa vs Corinthians. FS2 9:55 p.m.: Fútbol Mexicano Primera División: América vs. León.

10 p.m.: Mexico Primera Division: Monterrey vs Atlas, FS1

COLLEGE SOFTBALL 5 p.m.: East Carolina at

NC State. ACC 5 p.m.: Wisconsin at Minnesota. BIGTEN 7 p.m.: Virginia Tech at Tennessee, ESPN 7:30 p.m.: Wisconsin at Minnesota. BIGTEN

Anthony Volpe, the top prospect in the Yankees organization, will be playing in Hartford all week with the Somerset Patriots. DOM AMORE/HARTFORD COURANT

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so hard and work so hard. I like to think the pressure I put on myself is because what I do myself, and the standard I hold myself to. I'm not really concerned with what other people say or what other people do because I can't control

Volpe was the Yankees' first-round pick out of Delbarton School in 2019, passing up Vanderbilt to sign for \$2.7 million. His first year in the low minors was inauspicious, he hit .215 in rookie ball. The 2020 season was lost to COVID, and Volpe would find himself sitting down to dinner at 7 p.m. and feeling sad and frustrated that he wasn't playing ball. But he used the time to get stronger, fill out to 5 feet 11, 180 pounds, and last season, splitting between Class A Tampa and advanced Class A Hudson Valley, he hit .294 with 27 homers, 86 RBI and 33 steals.

"We knew that he was special, we knew there was a lot in there," said Mario Garza, the Yankees' coordinator of player development who is filling in as Somerset manager this week. "But yes, I was personally surprised that it came out that quickly."

Volpe's monster season may have changed the course of things for the Yankees. With Volpe and Oswald Peraza, who is in Triple A, rising quickly, they bypassed on a free agent shortstop pool that included Carlos Correa, Trevor Story and Corey Seager, among others.

"I've said all along, I don't want anything to be promised or to read too much into anything like that," Volpe said. "I would be doing my teammates a disservice if I were thinking about anything like that."

The Yankees decided a half season at each Class A rung was enough and sent Volpe to Double A, where he is one of the youngest players in the Eastern League. He started slow, was 0-for-12 in front of the Somerset crowd at one point, but cracked a grand slam on Sunday before the Patriots packed for Hart-

"He attacks his job the right way every day," Garza said. "He's just a special person off the field as well. I know that he gets his work in and prepares himself well, so I don't think a whole lot is going to change for a guy like him. I fully expect him to be just fine."

At Somerset, Volpe is surrounded by players three or four years older, but they gravitate toward him on the field, in the clubhouse. "He has that X factor," Garza has noticed.

Talent and exuberance attracts collectors, who line up on the sidewalk to get Volpe's autograph on his way into the ballpark. He attracts knowledgeable fans who will make their way to Dunkin' Donuts Park this week to see what the kid is all about, and reporters who shiver around the batting cage to get their interview minutes.

The ones who make it out of Double A are the ones who don't tire of all the fuss, but are bemused by it, think the whole scene is actually pretty cool.

"It's a journey and I'm not in any rush to be anywhere," Volpe said. "I'm just really happy to be here and be playing. Just get better every single day, regardless of any results. A little over a year ago we were in COVID and we weren't able to play at all. So any day we can come here and show up and play baseball, it's just a ton of fun. As for any sort of outside pressure, it's what I've been doing my whole life. It's just a blast to be out here, and that really outshines everything else."

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RED SOX

Catching depth to be tested as Vázquez goes on COVID-19 IL

By Steve Hewitt Boston Herald

BOSTON - The Red Sox don't necessarily have a COVID-19 outbreak yet, but their catching depth will be tested this week.

A day after Kevin Plawecki tested positive for COVID, Christian Vázquez and Jonathan Araúz both tested positive and joined him on the COVID-19 related injured list Tuesday, forcing the Red Sox to activate minor league catchers Connor Wong and Ronaldo Hernandez in an urgent

Wong started Tuesday catching Nathan Eovaldi in the Red Sox' series opener against the Blue Jays, and will start again Wednesday. Red Sox manager Alex Cora said Plawecki and Vázquez — who are both fully vaccinated — were already testing again on Tuesday, with the hopes that their stay out won't be long.

"This is the world we live in, and we'll adjust accordingly," Cora said. We did it last year."

According to an industry source, the baseline for any player being out following a positive test is 10 days. But any player, regardless of vaccination status, can return before 10 days if they test negative twice on PCR tests. A clearance from the joint committee — which is made up of MLB and MLBPA reps and medical experts, is also required before a player's return.

Rich Hill, whose father died on Friday, was put on the bereavement list to make room for Hernandez's spot on the active roster. Hill's next scheduled start is Saturday at the Rays, which Cora is hopeful he'll make.

Cora said the Red Sox will likely make some minor adjustments to prevent further spread of COVID, and continue to protect each other as best they can. He said he's been staying in a hotel for the last week because one of his kids tested positive.

"We're trying. We're trying, but this is the world we live in," Cora said. "It's something that's a lot different than '20, a lot different than last year. Last night, we saw it, as far as masking on the plane and all that, it's the world we live in. For example, I've been in a hotel for seven days, I haven't been home, because one of the kids tested positive. It is what it is....

"We'll do our best to protect everybody, to protect our families, which is the most important thing. And as a group, yeah, we made some adjustments. Maybe on the road instead of three buses, we'll get back to five buses, stuff like that, to separate the group. But it's back to almost normal. It's what we do as an individual to take care of not only you, but your family, the group, and the organization.

"We're not the only team going through this. The A's have six already and they showed up yesterday and played well. It's not the first time, and it's not going to be the last time, either. Hopefully I'm wrong. This is going to happen throughout the season to a lot of teams. It's what you can do that day. We're really good at staying in the moment."

METS 5, GIANTS 4 (10)

Lindor bailed out by Alonso in DH opener

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Pete Alonso had Francisco Lindor's back. Then he tried to take his shirt.

It's no stretch to say Alonso earned the souve-

Lindor lined a walk-off single in the 10th after a big reach by Alonso bailed him out in the top of the inning, and the New York Mets beat the San Francisco Giants 5-4 Tuesday to open a doubleheader.

Lindor, who also had a tying double in the fifth, ripped a clean single to center against Jarlín García (1-1), scoring automatic runner Brandon Nimmo from third. He was mobbed by teammates in the infield, with Alonso trying to rip off his uniform.

A half-inning earlier, Lindor's throw on Thairo Estrada's grounder pulled the first baseman off the bag, apparently allowing Brandon Belt to score from third with two outs.

Replays showed Alonso just barely held the base with his right foot -Alonso jumped for joy when a freeze frame appeared on the video board – and umpires overruled the safe call. The grab kept Adam Ottavino (1-0) in line for the win.

"Pete staying on the bag there, that's a really hard play," Mets manager Buck Showalter said. "We're lucky to have the best

replay guy in the business in our guy (Harrison Friedland). So that was a good Lindor lifted his aver-

age to .289 with nine RBIs in 11 games — a strong start for the \$341 million man's second season in Queens.

"Linny seems to be dealing us what we need about every time," Showalter

Two of baseball's best teams early this season, the Mets (8-3) and Giants (7-3) were each set to play at least 18 innings in one day for the first time since 2019. Pandemic-era seven-inning doubleheaders are gone, but automatic runners in extra innings remain.

The Mets nearly ended it in the ninth, when Giants closer Camilo Doval walked Eduardo Escobar and Robinson Canó leading off. Pinch-hitter Luis Guillorme – clean-shaven after years with a long beard — sacrificed them to second and third, but Doval gathered himself and struck out Travis Jankowski and pinch-hitter Dominic Smith swinging to force extras.

Joc Pederson hit a solo homer and Brandon Crawford had two RBIs as the Giants pounced early against Mets starter Tylor Megill for a 4-1 lead. New York erased that in the fifth, when starter Alex Cobb left with an injury before Lindor's tying RBI double off reliever Dominic Leone.



The Mets' Francisco Lindor throws his helmet after hitting a walk-off single during the 10th inning against the Giants on

Tuesday at Citi Field in New York. DUSTIN SATLOFF/GETTY

YANKEES NOTES

Boone suggests all members of team may have gotten their COVID shots

By Kristie Ackert New York Daily News

DETROIT — The deadline to get vacci-

nated in time to pass Canadian border requirements for the COVID-19 vaccine has passed for the Yankees' first trip to Toronto. The Bombers are still not commenting

on the vaccination status of their players, but manager Aaron Boone suggested that he expects to have his full roster against the

"I think we're going to be in a good spot," he said before Tuesday's series opener against the Tigers at Comerica Park.

That's my understanding."

When asked if anything had changed with the two unconfirmed players who were unvaccinated in spring training, Boone again did not answer directly.

"I don't know the timelines of everything, to be honest," he said. "So my understanding is that we're gonna be OK."

Unvaccinated players were given an exemption last year to travel to Canada and play the Blue Jays. That exemption expired in January and was not renewed.

No foreigners are allowed to travel to Canada without being fully vaccinated, meaning having had their final dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or a first shot of Johnson & Johnson 14 days before attempting to enter the country.

The Yankees had several players who

were unvaccinated last season, but a few have since received the vaccine. The players and the Yankees have been vague about their status.

Aaron Judge and Anthony Rizzo declined to answer directly about their status this spring. Rizzo, however, said he didn't think it would be a problem for him.

When Judge was asked if he was vaccinated, he dodged the question.

"I think we'll cross that bridge whenever the time comes," he said. "Right now so many things could change so I'm not really too worried about that."

Cole clobbered again: Gerrit Cole and the Yankees were hoping for a quick night but never could have imagined anything like

The ace was chased in the second inning after walking four hitters in the inning - and a career-high total of five in 1 3/3 innings and allowing two runs to score.

Cole pounded the ball three times into his glove and then covered his mouth with his glove when Boone went out to get him. His final line included three strikeouts.

Cole left the game with an ugly 6.35 ERA after three starts and has not won a game yet.

He was hurt by the home run in his first two starts. Rafael Devers got Cole in the first inning on opening day, and Vladimir Guerrero Jr. homered twice and doubled off of him in his second start.

REGIONAL DIGEST Yard Goats shut down Somerset

The Hartford Yard Goats' pitching staff carried a no-hitter into the eighth inning Tuesday night and defeated the Somerset Patriots 4-0 in an Eastern League Northeast Division game at

Dunkin' Donuts Park. Karl Kaufmann (1-0) started for Hartford and went six hitless innings, walking three and striking out nine. Riley Pint followed with a hitless seventh before Somerset's Jeisson Rosario broke up the no-hitter with a single off Nick Kennedy with one out in the eighth.

Michael Beltre followed with the Patriots' second hit, but Kennedy bounced back to preserve the shutout. Michael Toglia had a double and

a triple for Hartford (5-5) and three RBIs. Jhony Brito (0-1) took the loss for Somerset.

UConn baseball rolls to 10th straight: Ben Huber homered twice and drove in six runs as the 15th-ranked UConn baseball team ran its winning streak to 10 with a 28-11 victory over UMass at Elliot Ballpark in Storrs.

Cole Chudoba was the key for UConn (29-7), pitching 5 ½ innings of shutout relief after Braden Quinn and Hector Alejandro, combined to allowed 11 runs on 12 hits in just 3 1/3 innings. On offense, nines Huskies had at

least two hits, and Huber, Zach Bushling, Christian Fedko and David Smith each had three as UConn totaled 23. UConn football showcase moved to Friday: UConn football is rescheduling its Blue-White Showcase, a practice open to the public, to Friday night at Morrone Stadium on campus. The event was originally scheduled for Thursday and moved to better accommodate academic obligations of student-athletes. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the practice is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but

claiming a ticket is required. Staff reports

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Toronto	6	4	.600	_	_	6-4	W-1	4-2	2-2
Boston	5	5	.500	1	1/2	5-5	L-1	2-2	3-3
New York	5	5	.500	1	1/2	5-5	L-1	4-3	1-2
Tampa Bay	5	6	.455	1 ½	1	4-6	L-1	4-3	1-3
Baltimore	3	7	.300	3	2 ½	3-7	L-1	3-3	0-4
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	НОМЕ	AWAY
Chicago	6	3	.667	_	_	6-3	L-1	4-2	2-1
Cleveland	4	5	.444	2	1	4-5	L-3	0-3	4-2
Detroit	4	5	.444	2	1	4-5	L-1	2-4	2-1
Minnesota	4	6	.400	2 1/2	1 ½	4-6	W-1	2-4	2-2
Kansas City	3	5	.375	2 ½	1 ½	3-5	W-1	3-4	0-1
WEST	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	НОМЕ	AWAY
Houston	6	4	.600	_	_	6-4	W-1	1-0	5-4
Los Angeles	6	5	.545	1/2	_	6-4	L-1	3-3	3-2
Oakland	6	5	.545	1/2	-	6-4	W-1	1-0	5-5
Seattle	5	5	.500	1	1/2	5-5	W-1	2-1	3-4
Texas	2	7	.222	3 ½	3	2-7	L-3	1-5	1-2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	8	3	.727	_	_	7-3	W-2	3-1	5-2
Miami	4	5	.444	3	2 ½	4-5	W-1	3-1	1-4
Atlanta	5	7	.417	3 ½	3	4-6	L-2	3-4	2-3
Washington	5	7	.417	3 ½	3	5-5	W-1	2-3	3-4
Philadelphia	4	7	.364	4	3 ½	3-7	L-2	3-3	1-4
CENTRAL	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	номе	AWAY
St. Louis	5	3	.625	_	_	5-3	L-1	3-1	2-2
Chicago	6	4	.600	_	1	6-4	W-2	3-1	3-3
Milwaukee	6	5	.545	1/2	1 ½	6-4	W-2	3-2	3-3
Pittsburgh	5	5	.500	1	2	5-5	L-1	4-2	1-3
Cincinnati	2	9	.182	4 1/2	5 ½	1-9	L-7	0-2	2-7
WEST	w	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	номе	AWAY
Los Angeles	8	2	.800	_	_	8-2	W-7	5-0	3-2
Colorado	7	3	.700	1	_	7-3	W-1	5-3	2-0
San Francisco	7	3	.700	1	_	7-3	L-1	4-2	3-1
San Diego	7	5	.583	2	1	6-4	W-2	3-2	4-3
Arizona	3	7	.300	5	4	3-7	L-2	2-4	1-3

WASHINGT	ON 6	, AR	IZO	NA	1	
Arizona	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVC
Varsho cf	4	1	1	1	1	.19
Marte 2b	4	0	0	0	2	.18
Peralta If	3	0	2	0	0	.21
Beer 1b	4	0	2	0	2	.40
Hummel dh	3	0	0	0	1	.10
McCarthy rf	4	0	1	0	2	.12
Alcantara 3b	-ss4	0	0	0	1	.11
Herrera c	3	0	0	0	1	.00
Perdomo ss	2	0	0	0	2	.05
a-Smith ph	0	0	0	0	0	.16
Yo.Hrnandz 3	b 0	0	0	0	0	.10
TOTALS	31	1	6	1	12	
Washington	AB	R	н	ы	SO	AV
C.Hernandez	2b4	0	1	1	1	.25
Soto rf	2	1	0	0	0	.27
Cruz dh	2	2	1	0	1	.20
Bell 1b	4	1	2	1	0	.36
Ruiz c	3	0	0	1	1	.21
	3	0	1	1	1	.27
	_	0	0	0	2	.16
Franco 3b Thomas If	3		1	1	0	.17
Franco 3b	3	1			1	.08
Franco 3b Thomas If		1 1	1	1		
Franco 3b Thomas If Escobar ss	3	_	1 7	1 6	7	
Franco 3b Thomas If Escobar ss Robles cf	3	1 6		6		6

2B: Peralta (4), Beer (2), Robles (1), C.Hernandez (1). **HR:** Varsho (2), off Gray.

RBIs: Varsho (2), Robles (4), C.Hernandez (1), Franco (9), Bell (11), Ruiz (3), Escobar (2). SB: Escobar (1). CS: Escobar (1), Peralta (1). Runners left in scoring position:

Arizona 3(Alcantara 2, Hummel); Washington 3(Soto, Ruiz, Robles). 10. Runners moved up: Bell. LIDP: Ruiz. GIDP: Varsho, Bell, DP: Arizona 2 (Alcantara, Beer; Beer); Washington 1 (C.Hernandez, Escobar, Bell).

AKIZUNA	IP	н	K	EK	BB	20	EKA
Bumgarner, L,		2	2	0	4	5	1.38
Wendelken	2	3	1	1	0	1	1.93
Perez	1/3	1	3	2	0	0	13.50
Peacock	2/3	1	0	0	1	1	6.75
WASHINGTO	N IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gray, W, 2-1	51/3	3	1	1	2	8	3.14
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Doolittle, H, 2		1	Ō		0	ō	0.00

Pitches-Strikes: Bumgarner 83-53; Wendelken 29-19; Pérez 10-6; Peacock 16-10: Grav 87-50: Doolittle 9-6: Cishek 17-12; Finnegan 13-8; Voth 24-15 Inherited runners-scored: Peacock 1-1 HBP: Perez (Soto).

Umpires: Home, Nestor Ceja; First, Stu Scheuwater; Second, Lance Barksdale; Third. Nic Lentz. T: 3:08. A: 9,261 (41,339)

LATE MON	IDAY:		
HOUSTON	8, L.A.	ANGE	LS 3
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LA Angels	AB	R	н	ВІ	SO	AVG
Ohtani dh	3	0	1	0	1	.234
Ward rf	4	0	0	0	1	.300
Walsh 1b	4	0	0	0	3	.314
Stassi c	3	1	1	1	1	.250
Marsh cf	4	1	1	0	1	.259
Mayfield 3b	3	1	1	0	0	.333
Adell If	4	0	1	0	3	.176
Wade 2b	3	0	1	2	1	.360
Velazquez ss	4	0	0	0	1	.150
TOTALS	32	3	6	3	12	
Houston	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.167
1-Diaz pr-2b	0	0	0	0	0	.182
Brantley If	5	1	2	1	0	.289
Bregman 3b	4	2	2	0	0	.265
Alvarez dh	5	3	3	4	2	.263
Gurriel 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.143
Tucker rf	2	1	0	0	0	.114
Pena ss	3	0	1	1	1	.344
Siri cf	3	0	0	1	1	.286
Maldonado c	2	1	0	1	1	.053
TOTALS	32	8	9	8	6	
L.A. Angels Houston		001			-	6 0

LOB: Los Angeles 6, Houston 8. 2B: Marsh (2), Wade (2), Bregman (1). HR: Stassi (2), off Garcia; Alvarez (2), off Lorenzen; Alvarez (3), off Bradley. **RBIs:** Wade 2(4), Stassi (6), Alvarez 4 (6), Pena (3), Siri (3), Maldonado (4), Brantley (5), S: Wade, Maldonado, Runners left in scoring position: Los Angeles 4(Velazquez 2, Ward 2); Houston 4(Altuve 2, Brantley, Alvarez). **RISP:** Los Angeles 1for 7; Houston 2for 9. Runners moved up: Siri.

1-ran for Altuve in the 8th.

LA ANGELS	IP	н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	ERA
Lorenzen, L, 1-1	31/3	4	4	4	2	2	4.82
Mayers	12/3	0	0	0	1	1	15.00
Warren	2/3	1	1	1	2	0	3.86
Bradley	11/3	2	2	2	0	1	6.75
Rosenberg	1	2	1	1	1	2	9.00
HOUSTON	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	ERA
Garcia, W, 1-0	52/3	4	3	3	1	7	2.79
Maton, H, 3	11/3	2	0	0	1	0	2.08
Montero	1	0	0	0	0	3	0.00
Neris	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Pitches-Strike	s: Lo	ore	nze	n 79	9-46	j;	
Mayers 19-12;	Wai	rrer	120)-11	; Br	adle	ey .
27-17; Rosenb	erg :	23-	14;	Gar	cia	72-4	19;
Maton 16-9; N	lont	ero	17-	-10;	Nei	is 2	3-13.
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Inherited runners-scored: Mayers 3-0, IBB: off Maton (Ohtani). HBP: Lorenzen (Siri), Neris (Mayfield).
Umpires: Home, Dan Bellino; First,
Ryan Wills; Second, Jerry Meals; Third,

Ed Hickox. T: 3:22. A: 42,646(41,168).

6; Warren 5; Bradley 6; Rosenberg 6;

Garcia 22: Maton 7: Montero 3: Neris 4.

San Francisco	- 4 D			D.	SO	AVG
San Francisco	DAB	R	Н	BI	50	AVG
Yastrzemski		1	1	0	0	.185
a-Slater ph-r		0	0	0	1	.105
Belt 1b	4	1	0	0	1	.303
Flores dh	4	0	0	0	0	.212
Pederson If	3	1	1	1	0	.360
b-Ruf ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	.171
Crawford ss	5	0	2	2	0	.242
Estrada 2b	5	1	2	0	1	.263
Duggar cf	4	0	1	0	1	.214
Vosler 3b	4	0	2	1	1	.500
Bart c	3	0	0	0	2	.240
TOTALS	38	4	9	4	7	
NY Mets	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
McNeil If	5	1	1	2	1	.324
Marte rf	4	1	1	0	0	.262
Lindor ss	5	0	2	2	1	.289
Alamaa 1la	4	0	0	0	2	.209
Alonso 1b			•			
Escobar 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.265

San Francisco 022 000 000 0-4 9 1 One out when winning run scored. a-grounded out for Yastrzemski in the 7th. b-flied out for Pederson in the 8th. c-sacrificed for Davis in the 9th. d-struck out for McCann in the 9th. E: Bart (1). LOB: San Francisco 9, New York 7. **2B:** Vosler (1), McCann (1), McNeil (1), Lindor (3).

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.231

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.333

Davis dh

Jankowski cf 4

d-Do.Smith ph 1

Nimmo cf

HR: Pederson (3), off Megill. RBIs: Pederson (3), Vosler (1), Crawford 2(3), McNeil 2(6), Lindor 2(9). SB: Lindor (3), Duggar (4). CS: Vosler (1), S: Guillorme Runners left in scoring position: San

Francisco 5(Yastrzemski, Estrada 2, Vosler 2); New York 5(Do.Smith 2, Marte, Cano, Alonso). **RISP:** San Francisco 2for 14; New York 3for 11 Runners moved up: Flores, McNeil 2, Marte. GIDP: Belt. DP: New York 2(Cano, McCann, Alonso, McCann; Cano, Lindor, Alonso).

SAN FRANCISO	COIF	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	ERA
Cobb	41/3	6	4	3	0	4	4.82
Leone	2/3	1	0	0	0	1	2.25
Alvarez	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.70
McGee	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.45
Rogers	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.59
Doval	1	0	0	0	2	2	4.26
Garcia, L, 1-1	1/3	1	1	0	1	0	0.00
NY METS	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	ERA
Megill	6	7	4	4	2	4	2.20
Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	1	10.38
Lugo	1	2	0	0	0	1	6.75
Diaz	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.80
Ottavino W 1-0	1	Λ	Λ	Λ	1	Ω	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Leone 1-1. WP: Cobb(2), Meaill. **Umpires:** Home, Tripp Gibson; First, Sean Barber; Second, Clint Vondrak; Third, Alfonso Marquez. T: 3:33.

COLORADO		HIL	ADE	LP	HIA	1
Philadelphia	AB	R	Н	ВІ	SO	AVG
Realmuto c	4	0	1	0	0	.289
Harper dh	4	0	1	0	2	.220
Castellanos r	f 4	0	0	0	2	.293
Hoskins 1b	2	0	0	0	0	.242
Schwarber If	4	0	0	0	0	.125
Bohm 3b	3	1	1	0	0	.571
Segura 2b	3	0	1	0	0	.292
Stott ss	3	0	0	0	0	.138
Vierling cf	2	0	0	0	1	.130
a-Gregorius p	h 1	0	1	1	0	.286
Muzziotti cf	0	0	0	0	0	.143
TOTALS	30	1	5	1	5	
Colorado	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Joe dh	3	0	1	0	0	.359
Blackmon rf	2	2	1	1	0	.212
Grichuk cf	4	0	1	2	1	.318
Cron 1b	4	1	2	0	1	.317
McMahon 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.219
Rodgers 2b	3	0	1	0	1	.118
Diaz c	4	0	0	0	1	.303
Hilliard If	3	1	2	0	0	.333
Iglesias ss	3	0	1	0	0	.292
TOTALS	30	4	9	3	5	

000 000 010 - 1 5 0 000 002 20x - 4 9 0 a-doubled for Vierling in the 8th. LOB: Philadelphia 4, Colorado 6 2B: Gregorius (3), Iglesias (2), Cron (2), Grichuk (2), Rodgers (1). HR: Blackmon (1), off Nola. RBIs: Gregorius (3), Blackmon (4), Grichuk 2(4). CS: Hilliard (1).

Philadelphia

S: Blackmon Runners left in scoring position: Philadelphia 1(Schwarber); Colorado 4 (Cron. Diaz 2, Grichuk). RISP: Philadelphia 1for 4; Colorado 1for 11. Runners moved up: Stott, Rodgers, McMahon, Iglesias, Joe. LIDP: Real-

muto. **DP:** Colorado 1(Rodgers).

PHILADELPHIA	A IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Nola, L, 1-2	51/3	6	2	2	1	4	5.52
Alvarado	2/3	0	0	0	1	0	4.91
Norwood	1	2	2	2	1	0	6.00
Knebel	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.00
COLORADO	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kuhl, W, 1-0	6	2	0	0	1	4	0.87
Kinley, H, 2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
Estevez	1/3	3	1	1	0	0	2.70
Chacin, H, 1	2/3	0	0	0	0	0	4.26
Colome, S, 1-2	1	0	0	0	1	0	2.45
Pitches-Strike	es: N	ola	84	-59;	Αlv	ara	do
10-5; Norwood	d 19-	10;	Kn	ebe	l 13	-9; I	Kuhl
68-42; Kinley 1	14-12	2; E	sté	vez	14-	10;	
Chacin 6-4. Co	lom	Δ 1	6-8				

Chacín 6-4; Colomé 16-8. Inherited runners-scored: Alvarado 1-1, Chacin 2-0. WP: Alvarado(2). Umpires: Home, Pat Hoberg; First, Paul Emmel; Second, Dan Merzel; Third, Bruce Dreckman. T: 2:53. **A:** 20,403(50,445).

CHI. CUBS 4		MP	A BA	Y 2	2	
Tampa Bay	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
B.Lowe 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.195
J.Lowe dh	4	1	2	1	2	.182
Arozarena If	4	0	0	0	0	.214
Choi 1b	4	0	1	1	2	.423
Diaz 3b	4	0	2	0	0	.242
Kiermaier cf	4	0	0	0	3	.120
Zunino c	3	0	0	0	2	.048
Phillips rf	3	1	1	0	2	.190
d-Margot ph	1	0	0	0	0	.355
Walls ss	1	0	0	0	0	.167
TOTALS	31	2	6	2	12	
Chi. Cubs	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Madrigal 2b	4	0	2	0	0	.281
Contreras c	4	0	0	0	1	.250
Schwindel 1b	4	1	1	1	1	.256
Suzuki rf	3	2	2	0	0	.429
Gomes dh	2	0	0	0	2	.333
a-Villar ph-dh	1	0	0	0	1	.450
Wisdom 3b	3	1	1	2	2	.242
Hermosillo of	2	Λ	Λ	Λ	2	በበበ

- 2 6 1 - 4 7 0 Chi. Cubs 020 000 11x a-walked for Gomes in the 7th. b- for Hermosillo in the 7th. c-popped out for Heyward in the 7th. d-grounded out for Phillips in the 9th. E: Walls (3). LOB: Tampa Bay 6. ChC 4.

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TOTALS

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b-Heyward ph 0

c-Frazier ph

Hoerner ss

Tampa Bay

Ortega cf Happ If

TOTALS

HR: Wisdom (1), off McClanahan; Schwindel (2), off Guerra. **RBIs:** Choi (8), J.Lowe (2), Wisdom 2(8), Happ (6), Schwindel (5). SB: J.Lowe (1), Phillips (2). CS: Diaz (1).

Runners left in scoring position: Tampa Bay 1(Zunino); Chicago 2(Schwindel, Hoerner). RISP: Tampa Bay 2for 7; Chicago 1for 6. Runners moved up: Kiermaier. GIDP: Arozarena, Contreras. DP: Tampa Bay 1(B.Lowe, Walls, Choi); Chicago 1(Schwindel, Hoerner,

TAMPA BAY	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA	
McClanahan	6	4	2	1	0	9	2.40	
Adam, L, 0-1	1/3	0	1	1	1	- 1	2.70	
Springs	2/3	1	0	0	0	1	0.00	
Guerra	1	2	1	1	0	1	9.00	
CHI CUBS	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA	
Hendricks	41/3	5	2	2	2	6	6.08	
K.Thompson, W,	2-03	2/31	0	0	1	5	0.00	
Robertson, S, 4-4	1 1	0	0	0	1	1	0.00	
Pitches-Strikes: McClanahan 80-58;								
Adam 18-8; Sp	ring	s 1	5-1	0; G	uer	ra		
18-11; Hendrid	ks 9	0-5	1;	Tho	mps	son		
39-27; Roberts	on 1	5-8	3.					
Batters Faced	: Mc	Cla	na	han	21;	Ada	am	

3; Springs 3; Guerra 5; Hendricks 20; Thompson 11; Robertson 4. Inherited runners-scored: Springs 2-1, K.Thompson 2-0. HBP: Adam (Suzuki). WP: McClanahan.

Mike Muchlinski; Second, John Libka; Third, Jim Reynolds. T: 2:43. A: 26.615(41.649).

LATE MONDAY: L.A. DODGERS 7, ATLANTA 4 AB R H BI SO AVG Atlanta

Adlanta						40 0
TOTALS	31	7	7	7	7	
Lux If	4	0	0	0	0	.276
Rios dh	3	1	1	1	1	.231
Bellinger cf	4	1	2	2	0	.278
Smith c	4	1	1	0	1	.269
J.Turner 3b	3	1	1	0	1	.243
Muncy 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.152
T.Turner ss	4	0	1	3	2	.310
Freeman 1b	3	2	1	1	ō	.325
Betts rf	3	1	0	0	1	.189
LA Dodgers	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
TOTALS	37	4	10	4	12	
Swanson ss	4	0	0	0	2	.143
b-Dickerson	ph1	0	0	0	1	.048
Heredia rf	3	1	ī	1	1	.214
a-Rosario ph		0	1	0	0	.065
Arcia If	2	0	0	ō	2	.267
d'Arnaud c	4	0	2	1	ō	.273
Duvall cf	4	0	0	1	1	.238
Ozuna dh	4	0	0	0	1	.213
Riley 3b	4	1	3 2	0	1 2	.452
Albies 2b Olson 1b	5 4	1	2	0	1	.213

000 013 000 - 4 10 0 100 500 01x - 7 7 0 L.A. Dodgers a-doubled for Arcia in the 6th. b-struck out for Heredia in the 9th. LOB: Atlanta 6, Los Angeles 7. 2B: Olson (5), Riley (4), Rosario (1), J.Turner (2), T.Turner (1), Bellinger (2). HR: Heredia (1), off Kershaw; Albies HR: Heredia (1), off Kershaw; Albies (5), off Kershaw; Freeman (1), off Ynoa; Bellinger (2), off Stephens.

RBIs: Heredia (2), Albies (9), Duvall (7), d'Arnaud (5), Freeman (5), Bellinger 2 (3), Rios (1), T.Turner 3 (10). SB: T.Turner (3).
Runners left in scoring position:

Atlanta 3(Heredia 2, Duvall); Los Ange les 6(Lux 2, Muncy 3, Freeman).

RISP: Atlanta 1for 7; Los Angeles 3for Runners moved up: Duvall, Bellinger, Betts, GIDP: Swanson **DP:** Los Angeles 1(Muncy, Freeman). ATLANTA IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Newcomb Minter O'Day	11/3 1 1 1	0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	0 0	1 2 0	7.20 1.93 0.00
Stephens LA DODGERS	IP	1 H	1 R	1 ER	1 BB	0 SO	4.50 ERA
Kershaw, W, 2-0 Graterol, H, 2 Hudson, H, 2 Bickford, H, 1 Kimbrel, S, 3-3	5 1 1 1 1	6 2 1 1 0	4 0 0 0	4 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	7 2 2 0 1	3.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 3.00
Inherited runn 2-2, Graterol 2 Umpires: Hom	-2. V e, C	VP:	Kii S Se	mbr egal	el. ; 1E	B, Ar	ndy

Morales. T: 3:14. A: 52,052 (56,000).

LATE MONDAY: **MILWAUKEE 6, PITTSBURGH 1** Pittsburgh AB R H BI SO AVG 0 1 Reynolds cf 0 0 Chavis 1b 1 .450 0 Vogelbach dh 3 Castillo 2b 1 2 1 .310 0 Newman ss 0 .185 Marisnick If Perez c 0 0 0 1 .217 b-Gamel ph 0 0 .222 TOTALS 35 1 8 1 Milwaukee AB R H BI SO AVG 3 1 1 1 0 .205 Wong 2b Adames ss 1 Yelich If 1 .242 McCutchen dh 3 Tellez 1b 0 1 .267 a-Hiura ph-1b 1 .214 Renfroe rf Narvaez c 0 2 .217 Cain cf 1 0 .190

000 100 000 - 1 8 0 100 500 00x - 6 6 0 Milwaukee a-struck out for Tellez in the 8th. b-grounded out for Perez in the 9th. LOB: Pittsburgh 9, Milwaukee 4 2B: Hayes (4), Yelich (4), Cain (2). HR: Castillo (1), off Lauer; Yelich (1), off

6 6 5 10

Thompson. **RBIs:** Castillo (3), Wong (3), Yelich 4(6). CS: Cain (1). SF: Wong.
Runners left in scoring position: Pittsburgh 5(Newman, Marisnick 2, Reynolds. Castillo): Milwaukee 2(Tellez Renfroe). RISP: Pittsburgh Ofor 9;

Milwaukee 1for 5. Runners moved up: Castillo, Peterson.

PITTSBURGH	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	ERA	
Thompson, L, 0-1	4	6	6	6	4	5	9.00	
Peters	3	0	0	0	1	3	0.00	
Fletcher	1	0	0	0	0	2	9.00	
MILWAUKEE	ΙP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	S0	ERA	
Lauer, W, 1-0	6	5	1	1	1	5	3.48	
Gustave	1	1	0	0	1	1	4.76	
Milner	1	2	0	0	0	1	0.00	
Urena	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.38	
Pitches-Strikes: Thompson 89-48;								
Peters 33-23; F	leto	he	r 9-	7;				
Lauer 87-64; Gu	ısta	ave	20-	-13;	Mil	ner		

22-13; Ureña 13-8. Ground Balls-Fly Balls: Thompson 3-5: Peters 3-1; Fletcher 1-0; Lauer 7-6; Gustave 0-0; Milner 2-1; Ureña 2-1. Batters Faced: Thompson 22: Peters 9: Fletcher 3; Lauer 24; Gustave 5; Milner

WP: Thompson. **Umpires:** Home, Dan lassogna; First, Scott Barry; Second, Adam Beck; Third, Ben May, T: 2:44, A: 21,512(41,900).

LATE MONDAY: OAKLAND 5, BALTIMORE 1

Baltimore	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	4	0	1	0	0	.175
Mountcastle	1b4	0	0	0	1	.250
Santander If	3	0	0	0	1	.241
Mancini dh	3	0	1	0	2	.243
Odor 2b	3	1	0	0	1	.174
Urias 3b	4	0	2	0	2	.194
Hays rf	4	0	2	1	0	.243
Bemboom c	3	0	0	0	1	.100
a-McKenna p	h 1	0	0	0	1	.000
Mateo ss	3	0	1	0	1	.273
TOTALS	32	1	7	1	10	
Oakland	AB	R	Н	BI	SO	AVG
Kemp If	3	1	0	0	0	.278
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	1	.216
Murphy c	4	0	1	0	2	.256
McKinney 1b	4	1	1	1	1	.125
Bethancourt	dh4	1	0	0	0	.154
Brown rf	3	1	0	0	0	.156
Neuse 2b	3	1	2	1	0	.308
Smith 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.161
Pache cf	3	0	1	1	0	.243
TOTALS	31	5	5	3	4	
Baltimore	000	010	000	_	. 1	7 2
Oakland	100	004	00x	_	- 5	5 0

a-struck out for Bemboom in the 9th. E: Urias (2), Odor (1). LOB: Baltimore 7, Oakland 5. **2B:** Hays (3), Mateo (2), Murphy (5). 3B: Mullins (1). RBIs: Hays (1), McKinney (3), Neuse (6), Pache (5). Runners left in scoring position: Baltimore 4(Bemboom, McKenna 2, Mountcastle); Oakland 2(Kemp,

Bethancourt). RISP: Baltimore 1for 7; Oakland 2for 6. Runners moved up: Mullins, McKinney. GIDP: Odor. DP: Oakland 2(Smith, McKinney; Brown, Murphy, Brown).

BALTIMORE	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Watkins	5	2	1	1	2	1	2.2
Krehbiel, L, 1-1	2/3	1	3	0	1	2	0.0
Diplan	1/3	2	1	0	0	0	0.0
Akin	2	0	0	0	0	1	0.00
OAKLAND	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Montas, W, 2-1	6	2	1	1	2	5	3.63
Acevedo	1	2	0	0	0		6.00
Grimm	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.2
Jimenez	1	2	0	0	1	2	0.0
Pitches-Strike	s: W	/atk	cins	s 67·	-44;	Kre	h-
biel 32-17; Dipl	án 1	15-3	10;	Akiı	n 25	-21	;
Montas 83-54;	Ace	vec	do :	16-1	1; 0	irim	ım
20-12; Jiménez	24-	13.					
Batters Faced:	Wa	tki	ns :	19; ŀ	(rel	nbie	15;
Diplán 4; Akin	6; M	lon	tas	21;	Ace	evec	lo 4;
Grimm 4. limé	nez	6.					

Inherited runners-scored: Diplan 2-2.
Umpires: Home, Greg Gibson; First, Rob
Drake; Second, Will Little; Third, Nick Mahrley. T: 2:59. A: 17,503(46,847).

player in major league history to hit a home run when he hit a two-run, pinch-hit shot in the eighth inning to help the New York Mets rally for a 7-2 win over San Diego. Franco, 47, replaced Athlet-ics pitcher Jack Quinn in the record book who was 46 years, 357 days old

drove in three runs to lead the Reds to a 9-4 win over the Cubs-- the 10,000th

ТОІ	DAY'S PITCH	ING C	ОМ	PARI	SON				
INTEI TM TB ChC	RLEAGUE PITCHER Rasmussen (R) Stroman (R)	TIME 7:40p	20 W-L 0-1 0-1	D22 ERA 5.00 6.00	TR 1-1 0-2	202 W-L 0-0 0-1		OPP ERA 13.50 7.50	LAST 3 STARTS W-L IP ERA 1-1 14.0 3.21 1-1 14.0 5.14
AMEI TM ChW Cle	PITCHER Keuchel (L) Bieber (R)	TIME G1 2:10p		022 ERA 5.40 2.70	TR 1-0 1-1	202 W-L 0-1 3-0	1 VS IP 16.1 25.0	OPP ERA 6.61 1.80	LAST 3 STARTS W-L IP ERA 2-0 15.0 4.20 0-0 13.0 2.77
ChW	Lambert (R)	G2	0-1	6.00	0-1	0-1	6.2	5.40	1-1 11.0 3.27
Cle	McKenzie (R)	5:40p	0-1	2.57	1-0	0-2	17.2	11.21	0-2 10.1 6.10
LAA	Ohtani (R)	6:40p	0-2	7.56	0-2	0-1	4.2	1.93	0-2 15.1 4.70
Hou	Odorizzi (R)		0-1	6.48	1-1	0-0	4.0	4.50	0-1 13.0 6.23
NYY	Severino (R)	6:40p	1-0	2.25	2-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0 8.0 2.25
Det	Rodriguez (L)		0-1	5.87	1-1	2-0	23.0	3.13	1-1 12.2 3.55
Tor	Berríos (R)	7:10p	0-0	11.81	2-0	0-1	10.1	4.35	0-0 11.1 7.94
Bos	Pivetta (R)		0-2	9.39	0-2	1-1	27.1	5.93	0-3 12.1 8.03
Min	Paddack (R)	8:10p	0-1	6.75	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2 14.2 6.14
KC	Lynch (L)		0-1	10.80	0-1	0-0	6.0	6.00	0-2 14.0 9.00
Bal	Lyles (R)	9:40p	0-1	5.23	1-1	1-2	23.1	5.79	1-1 17.1 3.63
Oak	Jefferies (R)		1-1	1.93	1-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1 14.1 3.14
Tex	Dunning (R)	9:40p	0-0	5.19	1-1	1-0	5.0	3.60	0-1 11.2 6.94
Sea	Gilbert (R)		1-0	0.90	2-0	1-0	17.1	4.15	1-0 15.2 1.15
NATIO	ONAL LEAGUE		20	022		202	1 VS	ОРР	LAST 3 STARTS
TM PITCHER Pit Keller (R)		TIME	W-L 0-2	ERA 9.39	TR 0-2	W-L 0-1	IP 4.1	ERA 4.15	W-L IP ERA 0-2 10.2 7.59
Mil	Woodruff (R)	1:40p	1-1	7.27	1-1	1-0	7.0	2.57	1-1 12.2 6.39
Atl	Morton (R)	3:10p	1-1	6.10	1-1	1-0	11.0	2.45	1-1 13.0 4.85
LAD	Gonsolin (R)		0-0	1.29	1-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0 11.2 3.09
Phi	Eflin (R)	3:10p	0-1	4.50	0-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2 11.2 6.94
Col	Márquez (R)		0-0	3.97	2-0	1-0	12.0	1.50	0-1 16.1 4.96
Cin	Gutierrez (R)	4:10p	0-2	5.40	0-2	0-1	9.1	10.61	0-2 11.0 7.36
SD	Gore (L)		0-0	3.38	0-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0 5.1 3.38
StL	TBD	6:40p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0 0.0 0.00
Mia	Alcantara (R)		1-0	3.18	1-1	0-2	14.1	1.26	1-1 16.1 4.41
Ari	Kelly (R)	7:05p	0-0	0.00	1-1	1-0	6.0	9.00	0-0 14.1 0.00
Was	Fedde (R)		1-0	3.60	2-0	2-0	12.0	0.75	1-0 14.2 5.52
SF NYM	Rodón (L) Bassitt (R)	7:10p	1-0 2-0	1.50 0.75	1-1 2-0	0-0 0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0 17.0 1.06 2-0 15.1 1.17

TR: Team's record in games started by today's pitcher. **Vs. Opp:** Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE TUESDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, late Toronto at Boston, late Tampa Bay at Chi. Cubs, late I.A. Angels at Houston, late Minnesota at Kansas City, late Baltimore at Oakland, late Texas at Seattle, late Chi. White Sox at Cleveland, ppd.

THURSDAY'S GAMES Chi. White Sox at Cleveland, 1:10p.m. N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 1:10p.m. Toronto at Boston, 1:35p.m. Minnesota at Kansas City, 2:10p.m. Baltimore at Oakland, 3:37p.m. Texas at Seattle, 9:40p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS Minnesota 8, Boston 3 Chi. Cubs 4, Tampa Bay 2 Houston 8, L.A. Angels 3 Oakland 5. Baltimore 1

TUESDAY'S RESULTS G1: Washington 6, Arizona 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

G1: N.Y. Mets 5, San Francisco 4 (10) G2: San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, late St. Louis at Miami, late G2: Arizona at Washington, late Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, late Tampa Bay at Chi. Cubs, late Philadelphia at Colorado, late Cincinnati at San Diego, late Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES San Francisco at N.Y. Mets. 1:10n.m.

Arizona at Washington, 4:05p.m. St. Louis at Miami, 6:40p.m. Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 7:40p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS Milwaukee 6. Pittsburgh 1 Colorado 4, Philadelphia 1 San Diego 4, Cincinnati 1 I.A. Dodgers 7. Atlanta 4 Arizona at Washington, ppd. San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, ppd.

AROUND THE HORN

Chi. White Sox at Cleveland, ppd.

■ **Rockies:** The hometown kid will be staying right at home to pitch for the Rockies. Denver native Kyle Freeland and the Rockies agreed Tuesday to a fiveyear, \$64.5 million contract, avoiding a salary arbitration hearing that had been scheduled for May 24. The left-handed Freeland has always thrived in the thin air of the Mile High City. That was readily apparent in 2018, when he went 10-2 with a 2.40 ERA in 15 starts at Coors Field. "He's pitching well here. He's comfortable here," Rockies manager Bud Black said Tuesday before Freeland was slated to start against the Phillies. "There's something to growing up here. ... It doesn't bother him. I've seen pitchers in my career be bothered by it. He's not." Freeland's crowning moment to date may have been leading the Rockies to an NL wild-card win over the Cubs at Wrigley Field in 2018. He went 6 ²/₃ scoreless innings and struck out six during a game the Rockies won 2-1 in 13 innings. "That game tells you a lot about Kyle – playoff game on the road. Historic ballpark. Good team, playoff team, and he pitches wonderfully through six innings," Black said. "That epitomizes, in a nutshell, Kyle Freeland." Freeland, who turns 29 on May 14, gets \$7 million this season, \$10.5 million in 2023, \$15 million in 2024 and \$16 million each in 2025 and 2026. He has a \$17 million conditional player option for 2027, which he could exercise if he pitches 170 or more innings in 2026. In addition, if Freeland finishes among

the top five in Cy Young

Award voting in any season

from 2022 to 2024, he would

have the right to opt out of

the deal after the 2024 season and become a free agent. Freeland had asked for a raise from \$5,025,000 to \$7.8 million and had been offered \$6,425,000.

■ Padres: The Padres became the first team to announce a deal for ads on their uniforms, saying patches with a Motorola logo will be worn on the sleeves of their jerseys. The March 10 memorandum of understanding for a new collective bargaining agreement between MLB and the players' association gave the 30 teams the right to sell patch ads on uniforms and sticker ads on helmets. The sides adopted an Aug. 6, 2021, proposal by MLB to amend a section of the Official Baseball Rules which states: "No part of the uniform shall include patches or designs relating to commercial advertisement." MLB decided to launch the uniform ads with the 2023 season and says it may start the helmet ads with this year's postseason. Major League Soccer became the first of the major North American leagues to allow jersey ads in 2007. The NBA started selling sponsorship logos for the 2017-18 season. The NHL launched helmet ads for the 2020-21 season and began jersey advertising this season.

■ Red Sox: C Christian Vazguez and INF Jonathan Arauz were placed on the COVID-19 list, joining C Kevin Plawecki. On Monday, Plawecki and two unnamed staff members tested positive for COVID-19. Red Sox manager Alex Cora said Vazquez and Arauz are vaccinated, allowing them to return to games quicker after they test negative.

ON THIS DATE

1910: Addie Joss of Cleveland pitched the second no-hitter of his career, a 1-0 win over the White Sox in Chicago. 1912: Fenway Park was opened in Boston and the Red Sox defeated the visiting New York Highlanders, later known as the Yankees, 7-6 in 11 innings. Tiger Stadium in Detroit also opened its doors as the Tigers defeated the Cleveland Indians 6-5 1916: The Cubs played their first game at Weeghman Park-- renamed Wrigley Field in 1926--defeating the Reds 7-6 in

11 innings.

1920: Manager Gavvy Cravath of the Phillies inserted himself as a pinch hitter and beat the N.Y. Giants with a three-run homer, 3-0. It was his last home run in the majors.

1937: Gee Walker hit for the cycle on opening day to lead the Tigers to a 4-3 win over Cleveland. Walker hit the cycle in reverse order-- home run, triple, double, single. 1938: Cleveland's Bob Feller pitched the first of 12 career one-hitters, beating the St. Louis Browns 9-0. 1939: In his first major league game, 2-0 to New York at Yankee Stadium.

Ted Williams hit a 400-foot double in four at-bats as the Boston Red Sox lost 1967: Tom Seaver of the New York Mets recorded his first major league victory with a 6-1 triumph over the Chicago Cubs. Seaver went 7 2-3 innings and gave up eight hits and one run. 1982: The Braves recorded their 12th consecutive victory from the beginning of the season-- a 4-2 decision over Cincinnati in Atlanta-- and eclipsed the major league record set a year earlier

by the Oakland A's. **1988:** The Baltimore Orioles set a major league record with their 14th straight defeat at the start of the season, losing to the Milwaukee Brewers 8-6. 1990: Seattle's Brian Holman lost his bid for baseball's 13th perfect game with two outs in the ninth inning on Ken Phelps' pinch-hit home run in the Mariners' 6-1 victory over the Athletics.

1997: The Cubs stopped their season-opening losing streak at 14 games, rallying in the sixth inning to beat the New York Mets 4-3 in the second game of a doubleheader. The Mets won the opener 8-2. Chicago's 0-14 start set a National League record and was the second worst behind the 1988 Orioles, who began 0-21. **2001:** Carlos Delgado of the Blue Jays hit three homers for the second time this season, as Toronto beat the Kansas

City Royals 12-4. **2006:** Julio Franco became the oldest when he homered on June 27, 1930. 2007: Alex Rodriguez went 3-for-5 with two home runs in a 7-6 loss to Boston and joined Mike Schmidt, who hit 12 the fastest to reach a dozen in baseball

history. **2012:** Drew Stubbs had three hits and

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

'She's been taught well'

Carly Thibault-DuDonis carries the family name into her first head coaching job as she takes over at Fairfield

By Lori Riley Hartford Courant

FAIRFIELD - When Mike Thibault moved his family to Connecticut to coach the Connecticut Sun, his daughter Carly was in seventh grade.

They moved into a rental on the coast and her mother, Nanci, envisioned herself and the two kids, Carly and her brother Eric, spending all day at the beach.

But no. Every day when Mike went to basketball practice, both the kids were up early and out the door with their father.

Tuesday, Nanci was teary-eyed, watching as her daughter, now Carly Thibault-DuDonis, was introduced as the Fairfield University women's basketball coach, her first head coaching position.

But she was not surprised at her daughter's success.

"She's Mike Thibault," Nanci said. "She's got his same stubbornness, his love for the game completely and she's here for a reason. She did it her way and she coaches her way but she's been taught well."

Thibault-DuDonis, who was an assistant coach for nine years at Florida State, Mississippi State, Eastern Michigan and Minnesota, came to Fairfield after Joe Frager, who coached the Stags for 15 years, announced his retirement. The Stags won the MAAC regular-season title and the conference tournament this year, losing in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to Texas, 70-52.

"I'm really excited to get going," Thibault-DuDonis said. "Seeing the [players] in the crowd more than anything got me excited to start working with them.'

Thibault-DuDonis, 30, was the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator under Lindsay Whalen at Minnesota for the last four years and brought in a recruiting class last year that was ranked 10th in the country.

"I really enjoyed every stop I was at and I made the most of where my feet were, wherever I was," she said. "I just wanted to continue to learn and grow in my career and it all came together to this point and I do feel like I'm ready.'

Her father Mike coached the Sun for 10 years, starting with the team's move to Connecticut in 2003. He was fired in 2012 and went on to coach the Washington Mystics, who won the WNBA title in 2019.

Thibault-DuDonis spent her formative years in Connecticut. She went to East Lyme High School, where her basketball team went to the Class L state championship game her junior year, and she went on to play at Monmouth.

Mike and her brother Eric, who is the



Carly Thibault-DuDonis is introduced as the new head women's basketball coach at Fairfield University Tuesday. HARTFORD COURANT

associate head coach for the Mystics, were watching the introduction ceremony via video link Tuesday. They couldn't make it because it was the second day of Mystics practice and practice started at 11:30 a.m. Carly joked that her dad better listen to the whole thing because she was going to mention him at 11:26.

Thibault-DuDonis still calls her father for advice. Not that she always listened to him when she was growing up.

"Mike would tell her something and she would say - we always called it - 'Yeah, but,' " her mother said. "'Yeah, but.' They butted heads a bit."

After living nine years away from her family, Thibault-DuDonis was looking to come back to the East Coast. But it had to be the right fit.

"This is the first time in nine years I've been in driving distance to anybody in the family," she said. "I was ready for that when the right opportunity came along. There will be new opportunities for her at

Fairfield. The school is constructing a new arena, which will be ready for the Stags to play in this fall. Most of her team is returning, although some are in the transfer portal but she said she will be sorting that out in the next few weeks.

"When I went to Monmouth [as a player], I got the same gut feeling when I stepped onto campus as I did when I stepped on Fairfield's campus a few weeks ago," she said. "I knew this is where I was meant to be."

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Taurasi

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with playing at this stage in her career. As she's gotten older, the work she does off the court has become just as important as what she does on it.

"I still have this competitive fire," Taurasi said. "I still love to play basketball, I still love coming to the gym. And things change as you get older, the work you have to put in gets harder. ... I've really changed my daily life to be able to be here at 39 and compete and hopefully have a great year to help this team get back to where we gotta go.'

As Taurasi does so, one of the players competing alongside her will be Charles, who spent last season with the Washington Mystics. Though they didn't overlap at UConn, the pair are plenty familiar with each other from their time as teammates for Team USA as well as one season overseas with Turkish club Galatasaray in 2011-12.

"She's one of my OGs," Taurasi said of Charles. "Just an amazing human being and not to mention how amazing she is on the court. And she just brings a dynamic that we haven't had in that post where she can stretch the defense. So I'm excited to get on the court with her and get that synergy going.

Taurasi said she and Charles talked about teaming up in Phoenix back in the 2020 offseason, but it didn't come together.

'We chatted about it a little bit the other day, how close we were then," Taurasi said. "It was just, it wasn't the right time. And it's the right time now. We're ecstatic she's here. She's ecstatic she's here. So we're excited to get to work and really find that chemistry on the court that we've had

Another former UConn star, Kia Nurse, also returns to the Mercury roster, though she's currently rehabbing a torn ACL suffered during the WNBA Finals last

"(Nurse is) doing great," new Mercury head coach Vanessa Nygaard said on Monday. "She's a fantastic athlete, she's extremely diligent and she's a real pro. So she's done her rehab really well. ... We're optimistic to get her back, hopefully — I'm not sure midseason, hopefully. Her safe return will be the No. 1 priority, like we're not going to bring her back until she's full

Though Nurse's injury, along with the impending situation with Brittney Griner in Russia, makes the path to doing so a much taller task, Taurasi has her eyes set on a fourth WNBA championship. Especially after Phoenix fell short in the finals to the Chicago Sky last season.

"Obviously the way the year ended, last year is still fresh in our minds," Taurasi said. "It's something that we think about, and those little things ... in that Game 4 that slipped are things that are constant reminders. ... It's a new group, so we have to find this way of getting to know each other. So it's a work in progress, but I think there's a lot of excitement in the building.

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have to have each other's back. It's one of those things where KD is going to be KD, Kyrie (Irving's) going to be Kyrie and we have to understand it's going to be tough but that's what we love about basketball, you know. If it feels easy, no one would want to be in it. Exciting, competitive and it's going to be an exciting game, too."

Ah yes, the other guy. Irving nearly buried the Celtics with a 39-point performance on Sunday, while also getting reacquainted with his adoring Celtics public.

Are the Celtics capable of containing both? Ime Udoka, whose blitzing scheme on Durant was effective once, is asking for more this time.

We want to be physical and that's part of it," said the Celtics coach. "Our identity. As far as things we can improve on, Durant is going to come out more aggressive. Irving got away from us a little bit and we feel like we can defend him better. We know who they are as far as their guys. Some spacing things they can do different than we prepared for. How we can maintain our leads. We had a 15-point lead at one point, and going into the fourth quarter it got away from us, so we have to dig into that area, how we gave it back. All those

things you prepare for, and adjustments

Can the Celtics repeat their success on

"All I know is that we did a good job," said Williams. "It's not going to be like that every game, every series. He's not a guy that necessarily has droughts like that or cold streaks. We understand that we cannot expect him to score what, he still had 20-plus points anyway, so we can't expect him to go 9-for-25 every game. It's one of those things that Kyrie had a phenomenal game, KD had a good game, but not KD, like, we know how KD is. We understand that we have to be better. There's a lot of room for improvement. As a team, we understand that it's not over."

Irving fined \$50,000: The NBA fined Irving \$50,000 for multiple middle finger gestures he flashed at Garden fans and profane language. The Nets star has a record of similar incidents with road fans, including during his time as a Celtic. Irving later expanded on his day in an expletive-inflected monologue about what he's been called by Garden fans.

"I was not aware," Jaylen Brown said of the incidents. "All my energy was on our team and what we gotta do to win games. I wasn't focused on anything else, to be honest, and that's all I'm focused on now."

MONDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

SOFTBALL

GLASTONBURY 2, BRISTOL EASTERN 1

BE 010-000-**0**—1-2-1 G 010-000-**1**—2-7-0 WP: Brooke Tracv. LP: Alison Tellier. HR: G-Tracy; **BE**—Ashley Serafin. Rec.: **G**—5-1; **BE**—2-3. **Note:** Tracy had 14strikeouts and a solo home run and Nabia Crawford had 2hits for Glaston bury. Serafin had a solo homer TOLLAND 16, PLAINVILLE 4 (6)

P 300-100-4 T 870-**001-**16 WP: Elsie McCaffrey. LP: Kali Fangiullo. Rec.: T-4-2; P-3-2. **Note:** McCaffrey had 8strikeouts. Jordan Girard had a 30-run double and Paige Syphers scored 3runs for Tolland.

SOUTHINGTON 10. WINDSOR 3 W 000-100-**2-**3-6-0 S 243-001-**x-**10-11-0 **WP:** Samantha Sullivan. **LP:** Taylor Falotico. Rec.: **S**–4-0; **W**–3-2. **Note:** Ashlyn Desaulniers

was 3-for-3for Southington. CIVIC LEADERSHIP/AEROSPACE 19, WEAVER 17 CL 754-300-0-19-5-0

W 018-800-**0**—17-8-1 **WP:** Jenna Tinker. **LP:** Kellisa Facey. **HR: W**— Facey, Rec.: CL-4-0: W-0-1. **BOYS LACROSSE**

CCC-Central

EAST CATHOLIC 10, SOUTHINGTON 3 Goals: EC-Jake Carbone (5), Matt Zazzaro (2), Will Bergquist, AJ Bushnell, Trent Sargent; Slletier (2), Dominic Calandra, Sebby Foresi. **Saves: EC**—Owen Bergquist, 7; **S**—Owen Tokarzewski, 14. Rec.: **EC**—4-0; **S**—3-3.

BOYS GOLF

RHAM 163, PLATT 196
Medalists: Holden Sullivan and Conner Rabbitt, RHAM, 39at Black Ledge CC, Hebron.

CANTON 193. ROCKVILLE 194 Medalist: Matthew Schuman, Canton, 43at Blue Fox Run, Avon.

GIRLS TENNIS

ELLINGTON 6. SUFFIELD 1

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

STONINGTON 11, WINDHAM 1 WOODSTOCK ACADEMY AT BACON ACADEMY, **SMSA 9. CIVIC LEADERSHIP 1**

CL 000-010-**0**—1-0-3 S 023-013-**x**—9-9-1 WP: Dylan Kolakowski. LP: Raul Mojica. Rec.: S-4-4; CL-0-2. Note: Kolakowski tossed a no-hitter with 15strikeouts, 1walk. Bryson Graves was 3-for-3with a double, 2RBI and Jaylen Velez had 3RBI for SMSA. Mojica had 10 strikeouts in the loss.

PLAINFIELD 2. PLAINVILLE 0 EAST HARTFORD 10, WINDSOR LOCKS 9
LEWIS MILLS AT CANTON, PPD. SEYMOUR AT CONARD, PPD.

SOFTBALL

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC AT CONARD, PPD. HALL AT AVON. PPD. SOUTHINGTON AT MALONEY, PPD.

STAFFORD AT COVENTRY, PPD.

VALLEY REGIONAL AT EAST HAMPTON, PPD.

KAYNOR TECH 15, VINAL TECH 0 (5)

WP: Victoria Albright. LP: Olivia Coffren. HR: KT—Samantha Giannattasio (2). Rec.: KT—6-2; VT—1-4. Note: Albright tossed a no-hitter with 13strikeouts. Giannatassio had a grand slam

ECC STONINGTON AT WINDHAM, PPD.

MASUK 2, RHAM 0 M 002-000-x-2-5-0 WP: Kathryn Gallant. LP: Hadley Marchand. Rec.: M-5-1: R-6-1. Note: Marchand allowed 2 runs on 5hits with 11strikeouts, 1walk.
NORTH BRANFORD AT BERLIN, PPD. WINDHAM TECH AT BOLTON, PPD.

GRANBY AT ROCKY HILL, PPD. BOYS LACROSSE

NEWINGTON AT SOUTH WINDSOR, PPD. GRANBY 14, ROCKVILLE CO-OP 2 ELLINGTON 14, SOMERS 11

OLD LYME 14, OLD SAYBROOK 8 MORGAN 7. NORTH BRANFORD 6

HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH AT CROMWELL, PPD. **CHESHIRE 20. NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 8** NVL WATERTOWN AT ST. PAUL, PPD.

WOODSTOCK ACADEMY 9, VALLEY REGIONAL 8
PRINCE TECH AT CAPITAL PREP, PPD.

GIRLS LACROSSE

SOUTHINGTON 7, HALL 5 Goals: S—Auria Mullins (3), Taylor Foresi (2).

Julianne Bade, Makayla Winegar; **H**—Emma Keller (3), Hayden Smith, Grace Ganey. **Saves**: S—Alexandra Barner, 2; H—Talia Leshem, 9.

Rec.: S-5-0; H-1-5.
GLASTONBURY 11, FARMINGTON 6

EAST CATHOLIC 15, ROCKY HILL 7 Goals: EC – Mallory Bartlett (7), Xamadhi Quinonez (3), Shannon Splain (2), Kylie Branon, Nadine Abunasra, Bree Upton; RH – Sarah Whelan (4), Nicole Polites, Julianna Violette, Paige Marchand. Saves: EC—Maren Riley, 9; RH—Emma O'Connell, 10. Rec.: EC—3-0; RH—0-5. Of note: Bartlett scored her 100th career goal.

NEWINGTON 12, RHAM 5 Goals: N-Morgan Hellman (4), Hailey Gaydos (3), Guiliana Stolfi (2), Andrea Manocchio, Mackenzie Hillman, Valeria Eogoroff; **R**—Maddie Graves (2), Joelle Goralnik, Diana Zito, Ciara

Murray, Rec.: N – 1-2; R – 2-2.
TOLLAND 19, BERLIN 13
WINDSOR AT NORTHWEST CATHOLIC, PPD. LEWIS MILLS AT E.O. SMITH, PPD.

ELLINGTON 20. SOMERS 5

Goals: E-Anna Bocchino (5), Taylor Murphy (4), Kaitlyn Boone (4), Hannah Kozik (2), Megan Johndrow (2), Katie Hurlburt. Madori Cannor Lexi Cushman; **S**—Jamie Anthony (2), Caroline Colton, Palmer Oliveri, Ashley Birkenshaw. Rec.: E-3-2; S-1-4. Note: Murphy also had 5assists.

GRANBY 15, ROCKVILLE 1

Goals: G-Makenna Cassin (5). Alvssa Mackowski (4), Mia Boffi (2), Evelyn Danke (2), Natalie Jones (2); **R**—Olivia Mistretta. **Saves: G**—Alexis DiMeo. 3: R-Mandi Rivard. 12. Rec.: G-5-0:

OLD SAYBROOK 12, OLD LYME 7 NORTH BRANFORD 16, MORGAN 3
CROMWELL AT HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH, PPD. GUILFORD 14, CHESHIRE 12 MERCY AT NORTH HAVEN, PPD.

FITCH AT BACON ACADEMY, PPD.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

GLASTONBURY 3, ENFIELD 1 (22-25, 25-23, 25-20, E: Drew Rancourt, 21kills, 11digs, Joshua Tyler, 21assists, Hery Chavez, 18digs. Rec.: G-5-

BRISTOL CENTRAL 172, PLAINVILLE 224

Medalist: Scott Petrosky, Bristol Central 39at Hawk's Landing CC, Southington.

MIDDLETOWN 188, MALONEY 208

Orchards GC, Middlefield. EAST CATHOLIC 171, SOUTH WINDSOR 185 Medalist: Adam Eskin, Fast Catholic, 39at Tonstone GC. South Windso MANCHESTER 197, E.O. SMITH 205 Medalist: Cole Huyler, Manchester, 45at Manchester CC.

CCC-Inter PLATT 193, WINDSOR 214 Medalist: Tyler Cessario, Platt, 44at Goodwin Park GC, Hartford.

COVENTRY AT BOLTON, PPD. Shoreline CROMWELL 195, COGINCHAUG 207

VINAL TECH 220, KAYNOR TECH 307

XAVIFR 173. AMITY 174 Medaliss: Brett Chodos and Ethan McDaniel, Amity, 40at Portland GC. WILCOX TECH 207, LYMAN HALL 255, PRINCE

UNIVERSITY AT SHELTON, PPD. **GIRLS GOLF**

SIMSBURY AT CONARD, PPD. WETHERSFIELD 194, FARMINGTON 249 Medalist: Sophia Nower, Wethersfield, 44at

Goodwin Park GC, Hartford. Others **NEWINGTON 216, CANTON 270 Medalist:** Glorianne Pinote, Newington, 46at Indian Hill CC, Newington.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

BRISTOL CENTRAL 110, MIDDLETOWN 39

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

CCC-South BRISTOL CENTRAL 83, MIDDLETOWN 66

BOYS TENNIS CCC-Inter

EAST CATHOLIC 4, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 3 SOUTHINGTON 5, BRISTOL CENTRAL 2 TOLLAND AT GLASTONBURY, PPD.

SOUTHINGTON 6, LEWIS MILLS 1
ENFIELD AT PLATT, PPD. RHAM AT BRISTOL CENTRAL, PPD. CANTON AT COVENTRY, PPD. LYMAN HALL 6, CAREER 0

GIRLSTENNIS

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

GLASTONBURY 5, WESTON 2

CCC-North: Hartford Public/HMTCA at Bloom-

CCC-Inter: Avon at Bristol Central; Wethersfield at Northwest Catholic; Farmington at Platt; Newington at South Windsor; Windso at Glastonbury; Bristol Eastern at New Britain,

NCCC: Coventry at Suffield, 3:15p.m.; Somers at Rockville; Windsor Locks at Stafford, 4p.m.; Canton at Ellington, 4p.m.

Shoreline: East Hampton at Portland, 4p.m.; Old Saybrook at Cromwell, 4p.m.; Valley Regional at Old Lyme, 4p.m.; Hale-Ray at North Branford, 4

p.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at Westbrook, 4p.m.; Morgan at Coginchaug, 4p.m. CTC: Wright Tech at Vinal Tech; Abbott Tech at Goodwin Tech, 4p.m.

CRAL: Weaver at Capital Prep, 3p.m.; Innovation

at University/Classical
SCC: Hand at Wilbur Cross; Notre Dame-West Haven at Sheehan: Cheshire at Lyman Hall ECC: Woodstock Academy at Bacon Academy,

NVL: St. Paul at Naugatuck, 5p.m.
Others: Windham Tech at Parish Hill, 3:30p.m.; MLC at Prince Tech: Rocky Hill at Cheney Tech: Granby at Simsbury; Wilcox Tech at Manchester; Southington at NFA, 4p.m.; RHAM at Norwich Tech, 7p.m.

SOFTBALL

CCC-East: South Windsor at East Catholic CCC-West: Hall at Avon CCC-Inter: Wethersfield at Bristol Eastern, 4:15 p.m.; Southington at Maloney, 7p.m. CCC-Inter: Simsbury at Manchester; East Hartford at Conard: Enfield at Platt: Windsor at Glastonbury; Lewis Mills at Tolland
NCCC: Stafford at Windsor Locks; Granby at East Granby, 4p.m.; Bolton at HMTCA, 4p.m.; Suffield at Coventry, 4p.m.; Ellington at Canton, 4p.m.; Rockville at Somers, 4:30p.m.

Shoreline: North Branford at Hale-Ray, 11a.m.;

Old Lyme at Valley Regional, 4p.m.; Coginchaug at Morgan, 4p.m.; Westbrook/Portland at Haddam-Killingworth CTC: Wilcox Tech at Cheney Tech; Whitney Tech at Vinal Tech; Goodwin Tech at O'Brien Tech CRAL: MLC at Civic Leadership/Aerospace, 3:30 p.m.; Weaver at Capital Prep, 3:30p.m.

SCC: Cheshire at Sheehan; Hamden at Lyman

ECC: Windham at Stonington, 4p.m.
NVL: Naugatuck at St. Paul, 4p.m. Others: Prince Tech at Innovation 3:30n m: Farmington at Mercy; Wolcott at Bristol Central; East Windsor/SMSA at Bulkeley

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-North: Newington at South Windsor, 4:30

NVL: St. Paul at Watertown, 5p.m. Others: Vinal Tech/Goodwin Tech at Middletown

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-North: Conard at Avon. 4p.m. CCC-South: Lewis Mills at Middletown, 6p.m. CCC-Inter: Glastonbury at Tolland, 4p.m.; Wethersfield at Berlin, 6p.m. SCC: Sheehan at West Haven, 5:30p.m.; Lyman Hall at Hamden, 6p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-West: Farmington at Southington, 6p.m. CCC-Inter: Newington at Glastonbury, 5p.m.; New Britain at Enfield, 5p.m.; Simsbury at Wethersfield, 5p.m.; Bulkeley/SMSA at Maloney, 5:15p.m.; South Windsor at Conard, 6p.m.; Hall at East Hartford, 6p.m.

SCC: Hand at Amity, 5:30p.m.; Cheshire at Xavier, 6p.m.

Others: Rockville at Lewis Mills, 5:30p.m.

BOYS GOLF

NCCC: Somers at Canton, 3p.m.; Windsor Locks at East Granby, 3p.m.; Coventry at Suffield, 3 p.m.; Stafford at SMSA/HMTCA, 3p.m. CTC: Goodwin Tech at Wilcox Tech, 2p.m. SCC: Xavier at Shelton, 2:45p.m.: Sheehan at Foran, 3p.m.
Others: Prince Tech at Wilbur Cross, 2p.m.; East

Catholic at Portland, 2:45p.m.; Granby, Tolland at Windsor Locks, 3p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-South: Lewis Mills at New Britain, 3p.m. CCC-East: East Hartford at Glastonbury, 3p.m. CCC-West: Farmington at Northwest Catholic, CCC-Inter: Wethersfield at Hall, 3p.m.; Avon at

South Windsor, 3p.m.; Conard at Manchester, SCC: Mercy at Amity, 3:30p.m.

Others: Suffield at Berlin, 3p.m.; Canton at St.

TRACK & FIELD CCC-South: Plainville at Lewis Mills

CCC-West: Conard, Northwest Catholic, Simsbury at Southington
NCCC: HMTCA at Rockville SCC: Hamden, Hillhouse at Cheshire
Others: Tolland, University at RHAM; Civic Leadership, MLC at Bloomfield; Innovation, SMSA, Windsor Locks at Somers, 4p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-Inter: Newington at Hall; Lewis Mills at Conard; Tolland at Glastonbury; Northwest Catholic at Berlin; East Catholic at Simsbury NCCC: Ellington at Rockville; Windsor Locks at Canton/East Granby, 4p.m.

Shoreline: Old Saybrook at Coginchaug, 11 a.m.; Westbrook at Morgan; Cromwell at Haddam-Killingworth: East Hampton at Portland SCC: Branford at Cheshire; Sheehan at Xavier Others: Enfield co-op at Granby; Wilcox Tech at

New Britain: Wethersfield at Suffield, 4:30p.m. GIRLSTENNIS

CCC-East: East Catholic at East Hartford, 4:15 CCC-Inter: Glastonbury at South Windsor; Manchester at Rocky Hill; Enfield at Platt; Hall at RHAM; Northwest Catholic at Newington; Conard at E.O. Smith

NCCC: Canton at East Granby; Rockville at Ellington; Granby at Coventry, 4p.m. Shoreline: Valley Regional at North Branford, 11 a.m.; Morgan at Westbrook, 11a.m.; Coginchaug at Old Saybrook, 3p.m.; East Hampton at Portland: Cromwell at Haddam-Killingworth SCC: Sheehan at Lauralton Hall; West Haven at Lyman Hall; Cheshire at Shelton, 4p.m. NVL: St. Paul at Naugatuck, 4:30p.m. Others: Maloney at Wilcox Tech, 3:30p.m.; Windsor at Windsor Locks; Prince Tech at Bulkeley/

HMTCA; Suffield at Wethersfield **TUESDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS**

BASEBALL

UCONN 28, UMASS 11 **MARIST 13, HARTFORD 4** EASTERN 10, KEENE STATE 0 HOFSTRA 9, FAIRFIELD 3 CENTRAL AT QUINNIPIAC, PPD.

TRINITY AT DEAN, PPD. SOFTBALL

BASEBALL

SACRED HEART 2-9, CENTRAL 1-5 EASTERN 16-10, KEENE STATE 0-1 ST. JOSEPH 10-2, EASTERN NAZARENE 9-4 TRINITY AT COAST GUARD (2), PPD. FAIRFIELD AT MARIST (2), PPD.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

TRINITY 17, UNION 4 WEDNESDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

Yale at Quinnipiac, 3p.m. Sacred Heart at UMass, 3p.m. Trinity at Salve Regina, 3:30p.m. Fairfield at Fordham, 4p.m. UConn at Boston College, 7p.m. SOFTBALL

Manhattanville at Eastern (2), 3p.m.

Fairfield at Marist (2), 2p.m. Mitchell at Wesleyan (2), 3p.m. UConn at Merrimack, 4p.m. Columbia at Fairfield, 4p.m.

Central at Sacred Heart, 1p.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE Dean at St. Joseph, 4p.m. Springfield at Wesleyan, 4:30p.m.

Eastern at Mass. Maritime, 7p.m. **WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

Quinnipiac at Iona, 3p.m. Manhattan at Fairfield, 3p.m. UConn at Yale, 4p.m. LIU at Central, 4p.m. Hamilton at Wesleyan, 5p.m. Sacred Heart at Wagner, 7p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS Trinity at Amherst, 4p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Trinity at Amherst, 4p.m.

BIG EAST BASEBALL

MONDAY'S LATE RESULT

ARIZONA 6, CREIGHTON 0 TUESDAY'S RESULTS

UCONN 28, UMASS 11 BUTLER 6, NORTHERN KENTUCKY 5 **SETON HALL 3, ST. PETER'S 2** XAVIER AT EASTERN KENTUCKY, LATE ARIZONA AT CREIGHTON, LATE

SCOREBOARD

PLAYOFF SCHEDUI F EAST FIRST ROUND #1 Miami 1, #8 Atlanta 0 April 17: Miami 115-91 Tuesday: at Miami, late Friday: at Atlanta, 6 p.m. Sunday: at Atlanta, 6 p.m x-April 26: at Miami, TBD x-April 28: at Atlanta, TBD x-April30: at Miami, TBD

#2 Boston 1, #7 Brooklyn 0 April 17: Boston 115-114 Wednesday: at Boston, 6 p.m. Saturday: at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m. Monday: at Brooklyn, 7 p.m. x-April 27: at Boston, TBD x-April 29: at Brooklyn, TBD x-May 1: at Boston, TBD

#3 Milwaukee 1, #6 Chicago 0 April 17: Milwaukee 93-86 Wednesday: at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m. Friday: at Chicago, 7:30 p.m. Sunday: at Chicago, noon x-April 27: at Milwaukee. TBD x-April 29: at Chicago, TBD x-May 1: at Milwaukee, TBD

#4 Philadelphia 2, #5 Toronto 0 April 16: Philadelphia 131-111 April 18: Philadelphia 1112-97 Wednesday: at Toronto, 7 p.m. Friday: at Toronto, 1 p.m. x-Monday: at Philadelphia, TBD x-April 28: at Toronto, TBD x-April 30: at Philadelphia, TBD

WEST FIRST ROUND #1 Phoenix 1, #8 New Orleans 0 April 17: Phoenix 110-99 Tuesday: at Phoenix, late Friday: at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m. Sunday: at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m. x-April 26: at Phoenix, TBD x-April 28: at New Orleans, TBD x-April 30: at Phoenix, TBD

#7 Minnesota 1, #2 Memphis 0 April 16: Minnesota 130-117 Tuesday: at Memphis, late
Thursday: at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m. Saturday: at Minnesota, 9 p.m. x-April 26: at Memphis, TBD x-April 29: at Minnesota, TBD x-May 1: at Memphis, TBD

#3 Golden State 2, #6 Denver 0 April 16: Golden State 123-107 April 18: Golden State 126-106 Thursday: at Denver, 9 p.m. Sunday: at Denver, 2:30 p.m. x-April 27: at Golden State, TBD x-April 29: at Denver, TBD x-May 1: at Golden State, TBD

#4 Dallas 1, #5 Utah 1 April 16: Utah 99-93 April 18: Dallas 110-104 Thursday: at Utah, 8 p.m. Saturday: at Utah, 3:30 p.m. Monday: at Dallas, 9:30 p.m. x-April 28: at Utah, TBD x-April 30: at Dallas, TBD

MOST CAREER PLAYOFF GAMES WITH 25+ POINTS, 10+ REBOUNDS

PLAYER	P	FROM	TO	G
Shaquille O'Neal	С	1995	2006	88
LeBron James	F	2006	2021	87
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	С	1970	1987	85
Karl Malone	F	1988	2004	75
Elgin Baylor	F	1959	1970	72
Wilt Chamberlain	С	1960	1972	63
Hakeem Olajuwon	С	1985	1998	62
Tim Duncan	F	1998	2015	61
Dirk Nowitzki	F	2001	2014	44
Charles Barkley	F	1986	1999	41
Bob Pettit	F	1957	1964	41
Larry Bird	F		1988	
Kevin Durant	F		2022	
Elvin Hayes	F		1980	
Moses Malone	С		1989	
Patrick Ewing	С		1997	
Giannis Antetokounmpo			2022	
David Robinson	С		2001	
Dolph Schayes	F		1961	
Anthony Davis	F		2021	
Kevin Garnett	F		2012	22
Kevin McHale	F		1993	
Dwight Howard	С		2015	
Bill Russell	С		1969	
Dave Cowens	С		1977	20
John Havlicek	F		1974	19
Nikola Jokic	С		2022	
Michael Jordan	G		1998	
Kawhi Leonard	F		2021	
Cliff Hagan	F		1964	
Willis Reed	С		1971	17
Oscar Robertson	G		1966	
Russell Westbrook	G		2021	16
Terry Cummings	F		1992	
Paul George	F		2021 1978	
Bob McAdoo Tom Heinsohn	C F		1978	
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Jerry West through Monday	u	1961	1969	14
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TENNIS

WTA PORSCHE GRAND PRIX At Porsche Arena, Stuttgart, Germany, Red clav-outdoors WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32

#7 Ons Jabeur d. Marketa Vondrousova, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, Eva Lys d. Viktorija Golubic 5-7, 7-5, 7-5. Tamara Korpatsch d. Camila Giorgi. 3-6, 7-6(2), 6-1. Elena Rybakina d. Nastasja Mariana Schunk, 7-6(3), 7-5. Bianca Andreescu d. Jule Niemeier,

7-6(5), 6-3. Daria Kasatkina d. Cori Gauff, 6-4, 6-2.

ATP BARCELONA OPEN BANC SABADELL At Real Club de Tenis Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain: Red clay-outdoors MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 #2 Casper Ruud d. Brandon Nakashima, 6-3, 6-2.

#4 Cameron Norrie d. Egor Gerasimov, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4. #6 Diego Schwartzman d. Mackenzie McDonald, 6-2, 6-2. #11 Lorenzo Sonego d. Elias Ymer, 6-4, 6-2, Lorenzo Musetti d. #12 Daniel Evans,

6-4, 7-6(8). MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 64

Carlos Taberner d. Sebastian Korda, Marton Fucsovics d. Jordan Thompson. 6-4, 6-2. Lloyd Harris d. Roberto Carballes Baena 6-4, 7-6(0).

Emil Ruusuvuori d. Feliciano Lopez, Hugo Dellien d. Manuel Guinard.

6-4, 7-5. Ugo Humbert d. Pablo Andujar, 6-4, 6-3. Ilva Ivashka d. Pedro Martinez.

ATP BELGRADE OPEN At Novak Tennis Center, Belgrade, Serbia; Red clay-outdoors MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 #8 Filip Krajinovic d. David Goffin,

Jiri Lehecka d. Henri Laaksonen, Laslo Djere d. Hamad Medjedovic, 6-4, 7-5. Roman Safiullin d. Mikael Ymer,

7-5, 6-0. Thiago Monteiro d. Joao Sousa, 6-4, 6-3. John Millman d Dominic Thiem. 6-3, 3-6, 6-4. Oscar Otte d. Alejandro Tabilo, 6-0, 6-3.

Taro Daniel d. Dusan Lajovic, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6(2).

WTA TEB BNP PARIBAS CHAMPIONSHIP ISTANBUL CUP At Garanti Koza Arena, Istanbul, Red clay-outdoors WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32 #2 Sorana Cirstea d.

Kamilla Rakhimova, 6-4, 6-1. #3 Veronika Kudermetova d. Marina Melnikova, 6-2, 6-0, #5 Jil Teichmann d. Greet Minnen, 6-3, 6-7(2), 6-3. Anna Bondar d. #8 Tereza Martincova,

6-4, 7-5. Arantxa Rus d. Ipek Oz, 6-3, 6-1. Julia Grabher d. Pemra Ozgen, 7-5, 6-2. Nuria Parrizas Diaz d. Martina Trevisan,

Ana Bogdan d. Ana Konjuh, 6-4, 6-3.

EASTERN CONFERENCE ATLANTIC GP W L OT PTS GF GA 75 54 15 6 114 317 218 x-Florida X-Toronto 76 50 20 6 106 295 235 X-Tampa Bay 75 46 21 8 100 250 212 X-Boston 75 46 24 5 97 233 203 78 29 3811 69 219 278 76 29 3710 68 214 291 76 28 41 7 63 206 248 Detroit Ottawa 76 20 4511 51 197 295 GP W L OT PTS GF GA 77 49 20 8 106 256 190 x-Carolina x-N.Y. Rangers76 49 21 6 104 235 191

x-Washington76 43 2310 96 263 225 NY. Islanders 75 35 31 9 79 208 210 Columbus 76 35 35 6 76 245 282 New Jersey 76 27 42 7 61 234 280 Philadelphia 76 23 4211 57 196 278 WESTERN CONFERENCE GP W L OT PTS GF GA CENTRAL 76 55 15 6 116 296 209 z-Colorado x-Minnesota 75 47 21 7 101 281 235 Nashville 76 43 28 5 91 244 225 Dallas 76 43 28 5 91 221 227 Winnipeg 76 35 3011 81 235 245

76 25 4011 61 204 273 76 22 49 5 49 186 292 **PACIFIC** GP W L OT PTS GF GA 76 47 20 9 103 273 190 76 44 26 6 94 264 235 x-Calgary Edmonton 77 40 2710 90 222 226 Los Angeles 77 41 31 5 87 246 229 76 38 2810 86 230 213 77 30 3314 74 219 253 Vegas Vancouver Anaheim 75 29 3412 70 195 241 75 25 44 6 56 197 260 San Jose NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per

TUESDAY'S RESULTS Detroit at Tampa Bay, late Minnesota at Montreal, late Philadelphia at Toronto, late Winnipeg at N.Y. Rangers, late Florida at N.Y. Islanders, late Boston at St. Louis, late

Calgary at Nashville, late

conference advance to playoffs.

x-clinched playoff spot y-clinched division

z-clinched conference

Los Angeles at Anaheim, late Ottawa at Vancouver, late Columbus at San Jose, late WEDNESDAY'S GAMES Dallas at Edmonton, 8:30p.m. Chicago at Arizona, 10p.m. Colorado at Seattle, 10p.m.

Washington at Vegas, 10p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES Boston at Pittsburgh, 7p.m. Buffalo at New Jersey, 7p.m. Detroit at Florida, 7p.m. Philadelphia at Montreal, 7p.m. Winnipeg at Carolina, 7p.m. N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m. Toronto at Tampa Bay, 8p.m. Vancouver at Minnesota, 8p.m. Dallas at Calgary, 9p.m. Chicago at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m. St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES Ottawa at Columbus, 7p.m. Seattle at Minnesota, 8p.m. Colorado at Edmonton, 9p.m Washington at Arizona, 10:30p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS Calgary 5, Chicago 2 Washington 3, Colorado 2 New Jersey 3, Vegas 2 Carolina 5, Arizona 3

Vancouver 6, Dallas 2

GOALTENDIN			
TEAM	GAA	SA	SV SV%
Carolina	2.42	2179	1991 .914
N.Y. Rangers	2.45	2338	2150 .920
Calgary	2.47	2202	2013 .914
Boston	2.66	2160	1959 .907
Pittsburgh	2.66	2378	2170 .913
N.Y. Islanders	2.69	2441	2237 .916
Colorado	2.71	2434	2226 .91
Tampa Bay	2.72	2220	2013 .907
Vancouver	2.73	2418	2208 .913
Florida	2.82	2288	2074 .906
St. Louis	2.82	2419	2203 .911
Los Angeles	2.84	2205	1983 .899
Washington	2.89	2214	1991 .899
Nashville	2.91	2428	2205 .908
Dallas	2.92	2333	2108 .904
Vegas	2.93	2313	2085 .901
Minnesota	3.03	2387	2156 .903
Edmonton	3.04	2424	2190 .903
Toronto	3.05	2318	2084 .899
Winnipeg	3.13	2512	2271 .904
San Jose	3.14	2403	2165 .901
Anaheim	3.17	2568	2320 .903
Ottawa	3.21	2516	2270 .902
Seattle	3.43	2168	1909 .881
Buffalo	3.49	2596	2321 .894
Chicago	3.52	2503	2232 .892
Philadelphia	3.57	2588	2314 .894
New Jersey	3.58	2354	2079 .883
Columbus	3.65	2689	2409 .896
Detroit	3.75	2579	2290 .888
Arizona	3.75	2708	2420 .894
Montreal	3.81	2625	2332 .888

GAA	GP	GAA	SV%	G/
Igor Shesterkin NYR	50	2.05	.935	9
Fr. Andersen CAR	52	2.17	.922	11
J. Markstrom CGY	61	2.21	.923	13
Ilya Sorokin NYI	48	2.31	.927	10
Jeremy Swayman BOS	37	2.34	.917	8
Tristan Jarry PIT	58	2.42	.919	13
Darcy Kuemper COL	53	2.43	.924	12
Ville Husso STL	37	2.44	.923	8
Antti Raanta CAR	25	2.46	.912	5
Andrei Vasilevskiy TB	58	2.46	.917	14

SAVE PCT.	GPSV%	SA
Igor Shesterkin NYR	50 .935	1520
Ilya Sorokin G NYI	48 .927	1500
Darcy Kuemper COL	53 .924	1615
Ville Husso STL	37 .923	1140
Jacob Markstrom CGY	61 .923	1706
Frederik Andersen CAR	52 .922	1431
Juuse Saros NSH	64 .920	2023
Tristan Jarry PIT	58 .919	1711
Thatcher Demko VAN	61 .918	1889
Anton Forsberg OTT	43 .917	1334
VICTORIES	wı	o os

Anton Forsberg OTT	43	.91	7 1	334
VICTORIES	W	L	OL	QS
Juuse Saros, NSH	37	24	3	42
Sergei Bobrovsky, FLA	36	6	3	29
Darcy Kuemper, COL	36	10	3	31
Jacob Markstrom, CGY	36	15	8	37
Frederik Andersen, CAR	35	14	3	30
Igor Shesterkin, NYR	35	11	4	36
Andrei Vasilevskiy, TB	35	17	5	37
Tristan Jarry, PIT	34	18	6	35
Thatcher Demko, VAN	33	20	6	35
Jack Campbell, TOR	29	9	5	25
Cam Talbot, MIN	29	12	4	26
Con. Hellebuyck, WPG	27	27	10	37
Jake Oettinger, DAL	27	14	1	24
through Monday				

GOLF		
WORLD RANKINGS RK. GOLFER	COUNTRY	AVG
1. Scottie Scheffler	U.S.	9.98
2. Collin Morikawa	U.S.	7.89
3. Jon Rahm	Spain	7.84
4. Patrick Cantley	U.S.	7.50

KK. GULFEK	COUNTRY	AVG
1. Scottie Scheffler	U.S.	9.98
2. Collin Morikawa	U.S.	7.89
3. Jon Rahm	Spain	7.84
4. Patrick Cantley	U.S.	7.50
5. Viktor Hovland	Norway	7.38
6. Cameron Smith	Australia	7.31
7. Rory McIlroy	N. Ireland	6.50
8. Justin Thomas	U.S.	5.55
9. Dustin Johnson	U.S.	5.21
10. Jordan Spieth	U.S.	5.15
11. Sam Burns	U.S.	5.13
12. Xander Schauffele	U.S.	5.06
13. Hideki Matsuyama	Japan	4.95
14. Billy Horschel	U.S.	4.38
15. Louis Oosthuizen	S. Africa	4.31
16. Joaquin Niemann	Chile	4.21
17. Brooks Koepka	U.S.	4.09
18. Abraham Ancer	Mexico	4.05
19. Sungjae Im	S. Korea	4.05
20. Bryson DeChambeau	ıU.S.	4.03
21. Tyrrell Hatton	England	4.01
22. Harris English	U.S.	3.91
23. Matt Fitzpatrick	England	3.89
24. Daniel Berger	U.S.	3.86
25. Tony Finau	U.S.	3.85
26. Paul Casey	England	3.76
27. Shane Lowry	Ireland	3.70
28. Jason Kokrak	U.S.	3.58

29. Will Zalatoris

30. Kevin Kisner

MAJOR LEAGUE	SC	CC	EI	?		
EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	1	1	16	11	4
Orlando City	4	2	2	14	10	7
N.Y. Red Bulls	3	2	2	11	10	6
Atlanta	3	2	2	11	9	9
Toronto FC	3	2	2	11	11	12
CF Montréal	3	3	1	10	13	16
Chicago	2	1	4	10	5	2
Charlotte FC	3	5	0	9	8	11
Columbus	2	3	2	8	10	9
New York City FC	2	3	1	7	11	6
New England	2	4	1	7	10	13
Cincinnati	2	4	1	7	8	14
Inter Miami CF	2	4	1	7	7	15
D.C. United	2	4	0	6	7	8
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	5	1	1	16	17	7
Austin FC	4	1	2	14	17	7
LA Galaxy	4	2	1	13	9	6
FC Dallas	3	1	3	12	10	4
Houston	3	1	3	12	10	7
Real Salt Lake	3	2	3	12	9	13
Minnesota United		2	2	11	8	6
Nashville	3	2	2	11	8	8
Portland	2	2	4	10	10	13
Colorado	2	3	2	8	9	11
Seattle	2	3	1	7	6	7
Sporting KC	2	6	0	6	6	14
Vancouver	1	5	1	4	6	14
San Jose	0	4	3	3	11	17

SOCCER

SATURDAY'S MATCHES Houston at FC Dallas, 3p.m. CF Montréal at Philadelphia, 3p.m. Chicago at Minnesota, 5p.m. New England at D.C. United, 7:30p.m. Vancouver at Austin FC, 8:30p.m. Columbus at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m. Charlotte FC at Colorado, 9p.m. Real Salt Lake at Portland, 10p.m. Seattle at San Jose, 10p.m. Nashville at LA Galaxy, 10:30p.m.

Three points for win, one point for tie.

Atlanta at Miami, 1p.m. N.Y. Red Bullsat Orlando City, 3:30p.m. Los Angeles FC at Cincinnati, 5p.m.
Toronto FC at New York City FC, 5p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

NWSL CHALLENGE CLIP SATURDAY'S MATCHES Washington at North Carolina, 1p.m. Orlando at Gotham FC, 7p.m.

OL Reign at San Diego Wave FC, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Chicago at Kansas City, 5p.m. Louisville at Houston, 6p.m Portland at Angel City FC, 9p.m.

ENGLISH PREM	MIE GP					GA	PT
Liverpool	32	23	7	2	83	22	76
Man City	31	23	5	3	72	20	74
Chelsea	30	18	8	4	64	23	62
Tottenham	32	18	3	11	56	38	57
Arsenal	31	17	3	11	45	37	54
Man United	33	15	9	9	52	48	54
West Ham	33	15	7	11	52	43	52
Wolverhampton	32	15	4	13	33	28	49
Leicester	30	11	7	12	46	50	40
Brighton	32	9	13	10	29	37	40
Brentford	33	11	6	16	41	49	39
Southampton	32	9	12	11	38	52	39
Crystal Palace	31	8	13	10	43	40	37
Newcastle	32	9	10	13	36	55	37
Aston Villa	31	11	3	17	42	46	36
Leeds	32	8	9	15	38	68	33
Everton	30	8	4	18	33	52	28
Burnley	31	4	13	14	26	45	25
Watford	32	6	4	22	30	62	22

TUESDAY'S RESULT Liverpool 4. Manchester United 0

Norwich

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES Everton vs. Leicester, 2:45p.m. Chelsea vs. Arsenal, 2:45p.m. Newcastle vs. Crystal Palace, 2:45p.m. Man City vs. Brighton, 3p.m.

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Burnley vs. Southampton, 2:45p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES Arsenal vs. Man United, 7:30a.m. Leicester vs. Aston Villa, 10a.m. Man City vs. Watford, 10a.m. Norwich vs. Newcastle, 10a.m Brentford vs. Tottenham, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Brighton vs. Southampton, 9a.m. Burnley vs. Wolverhampton, 9a.m. Chelsea vs. West Ham. 9a.m. Liverpool vs. Everton, 11:30a.m.

MONDAY'S MATCH Crystal Palace vs. Leeds, 3p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 Man United vs. Chelsea, 2:45p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 Newcastle vs. Liverpool, 7:30a.m. Aston Villa vs. Norwich, 10a.m. Southampton vs. Crystal Palace, 10a.m. Watford vs. Burnley, 10a.m. Wolverhampton vs. Brighton, 10a.m. Leeds vs. Man City, 12:30p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEMIFINAL PHASE First leg, April 26 Real Madrid vs. Manchester City, 1 p.m. First leg, April 27 Villarreal vs. Liverpool, 1 p.m. Second leg, May 3 Liverpool vs. Villarreal, 1 p.m. Second leg, May 4 Manchester City vs. Real Madrid, 1 p.m.

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Michigan	0	1	0	.000	12	
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	17	- 2
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	3	1
SOUTH	w	L	т	PCT	PF	F
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	23	-
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	17	1
Birmingham	1	0	0	1.000	28	:
Tampa Bav	1	Õ	0	1.000	17	

WEEK 1 MONDAY'S RESULT Tampa Bay 17, Pittsburgh 3

WEEK 2 FRIDAY'S GAME Michigan at New Jersey, 8p.m. SATURDAY'S GAMES Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, Noon Birmingham at Houston, 7p.m

ODDS				
MLB NATIONAL LEA	WED	NESI	PAY	
FAVORITE		UNDERI	OOG	LINE
at Milwaukee				+203
Philadelphia				+108
at LA Dodgers			uuo	+128
at San Diego		Cincinn	ati	+180
at Miami		St. Loui		off
at Washington				off
San Francisco	-117			-102
AMERICAN LEA	AGUE			
at Cle (G1)	off	Chi Whi	te Sox	off
at Cle (G2)	off	Chi Whi	te Sox	off
at Houston	-162	LA Ange	els	+136
NY Yankees	-155	at Detro	it	+135
Toronto	-145	at Bosto	on	+125
Minnesota	-137	at Kansa	s City	+118
at Seattle	-137	Texas		+118
at Oakland	off	Baltimo	re	off
INTERLEAGUE				
at Chi Cubs	off	Tampa I	Зау	off
NBA PLAYOFFS WEDNESDAY				
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDE	RDOG
at Boston	31/2	(226)	Bro	oklyn
Philadelphia	11/2	$(216\frac{1}{2})$	at To	ronto

at Toronto Chicago THURSDAY at Milwaukee 10 (225½) 2101/2 at Utah 1 1/2 2241/2 Golden State NHL WEDNESDAY LINE UNDERDOG LINE
-156 Dallas +130
-137 Washington +114 **FAVORITE** at Vegas Chicago -162 at Arizona Colorado -375 at Seattle For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/



New Browns QB Deshaun Watson, above at a news conference last month, reported to the team's first offseason program Tuesday. QB Baker Mayfield was not present. RON SCHWANE/AP

NFL

Watson shows up, Mayfield no-show

QB picture comes into focus at Browns' offseason program

By Tom Withers Associated Press

CLEVELAND – Deshaun Watson walked through snow on the way to his first day of work with the Browns. Baker Mayfield was nowhere in sight.

Watson reported to the team's offseason program Tuesday to restart his career with the Browns, who mortgaged their shortterm future by acquiring the controversial quarterback accused of sexual misconduct in a trade last month.

With temperatures in the 30s and latespring snow falling, the former Texans quarterback arrived at the team's facility in Berea, Ohio. The Browns posted a photo on Twitter of Watson, wearing a heavy winter jacket, before he entered the building.

One of the reasons the three-time Pro Bowler and South Carolina native initially turned down the Browns in their pursuit before changing his mind was because of Northeast Ohio's frigid, wintry weather.

Watson lost the one game he played in Cleveland with the Texans as howling winds made it almost impossible to throw. He'll have months to acclimate.

The Browns convinced Watson to join him and then traded three first-round draft picks and six selections overall in March to the Texans for the 26-year-old, who faces 22 civil lawsuits from women accusing him of sexual misconduct during massage therapy sessions.

Browns coach Kevin Stefanski is scheduled to meet with reporters Wednesday. Watson isn't expected to take any reporter's questions.

Watson also faces discipline from the NFL, which is investigating whether he violated the league's personal-conduct policy. It's possible he'll be suspended for part of the 2022 season.

The three-time Pro Bowl QB has professed his innocence. Two grand juries in Texas have declined to indict him on any criminal charges. However, Watson is still dealing with the civil lawsuits and has been giving depositions in recent weeks.

The Browns did their own background check on Watson, and owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam felt so confident in the research — and after personally meeting with Watson — that they signed him to a fully guaranteed \$230 million contract after he waived his no-trade clause to come to Cleveland.

The move for Watson effectively ended Mayfield's four-run year run with the Browns, who are looking to trade the former No. 1 overall pick but are finding a limited market, partly due to his \$18.8 million contract for next season.

Mayfield wasn't at the team's offseason program as he continues to rehab his surgically repaired left shoulder. Mayfield got hurt in the Browns' second game in 2021 and his struggles throughout an 8-9 season convinced the team to look for another quarterback.

The team's pursuit of Watson rankled Mayfield, who asked to be traded.

Last week, Mayfield said the team's front office wasn't truthful with him in explaining their offseason plans. Mayfield said he felt "disrespected" by the team and was looking forward to reviving his career elsewhere.

At this point, that place is unknown.

The Browns spoke to an NFL investigator looking into claims by former coach Hue Jackson, who said the team intentionally lost games - tanked - in the 2016 and 2017 seasons.

Browns speak to NFL on 'tanking' claims:

Jackson, now coaching at Grambling State, was fired by Browns owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam eight games into the 2018 season with a 3-36-1 record.

In February, Jackson indicated in a series of posts on social media that the team paid him bonuses incentivizing him to lose and that he was set up to fail. Jackson later softened those claims.

The Browns went 1-15 in 2016 and 0-16 in 2017.

Spokesman Brian McCarthy confirmed the league engaged former Securities and Exchange Commission chair Mary Jo White to look into Jackson's allegations.

"The review is ongoing and is expected to conclude soon," McCarthy said in an email to The AP.

IN BRIEF

Seahawks sign QB Smith for 1 year

The Seahawks re-signed quarterback Geno Smith on Tuesday as the team began its offseason program.

Smith's one-year deal became official on the first day players were back in the building for the offseason program.

Smith, 31, started three games last season while Russell Wilson was recovering from finger surgery. It was the first time Smith had started more than one game in a season

He was 65 for 95 for 702 yards, five touchdowns and one interception in the four total games he appeared in. The Seahawks were 1-2 with Smith as the starter.

Now that Wilson is with the Broncos, Smith is expected to be in competition with Drew Lock and Jacob Eason for the starting job this offseason. It's also possible that the Seahawks could add another quarterback before training camp, either in the draft or via a trade.

Smith was arrested in January on suspicion of driving under the influence after the Washington State Patrol pulled him over for going 96 mph in a 60 mph zone and driving erratically across several lanes of traffic. Smith's arrest came in the early morning hours after Seattle returned home from its final regular season game in Arizona.

The King County Prosecuting Attorney's office says it's still waiting to receive blood test results form the Washington State Patrol crime lab before making a charging decision in Smith's case.

College basketball: Duke sophomore big man Mark Williams will enter the NBA draft. Williams was a finalist for national defensive player of the year last season. He

started all 39 games for the Blue Devils, averaged 11.2 points and 7.4 rebounds per game and ranked 12th nationally with 2.82 blocks per game. ... Bradley PG Terry Roberts announced that he's transferring to Georgia for his senior season. The 6-foot-3 Roberts averaged 14.5 points, 4.9 rebounds and 4.1 assists last season and was an All-Missouri Valley Conference firstteam selection.

Soccer: Mohamed Salah scored twice to help host Liverpool overwhelm Manchester United 4-0 and move to the top of the Premier League. Liverpool holds a two-point lead over defending champ Manchester City, which can retake the top spot with a victory over Brighton on Wednesday. United slipped to sixth place.

.. Fulham secured an immediate return to the Premier League after a 3-0 home win over Preston guaranteed a top-two finish in the League Championship. The promotion has been powered by Aleksandar Mitrovic's 40 goals, including two against Preston, and there are still four games remaining. Marco Silva's side looks set to go up as champion, with second-place Bournemouth nine points adrift. Fulham has swung back and forth from the top two divisions every season since gaining promotion to the Premier League in 2018 after a four-year absence. ... Lionel Messi will miss Paris Saint-Germain's trip to Angers on Wednesday due to injury, a match which could see PSG wrap up the Ligue 1 title. The 34-yearold Messi has inflammation in his left Achilles. PSG, which has a 15-point lead over Marseille at the top of the table, is on course for a record-equalling 10th league title. Lille won the French crown last season, ending a run of three straight for PSG.

WEATHER



Mostly sunny, West winds at 10 to 15 mph.

breezy and milder. 57

Mixed clouds and sunshine,

slight chance for a shower late, breezy and seasonable.

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THURSDAY

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Sunny, breezy and **70** deightful. LOW

FRIDAY

Mixed clouds and sunshine.

seasonable.

43

SATURDAY

60

LOW

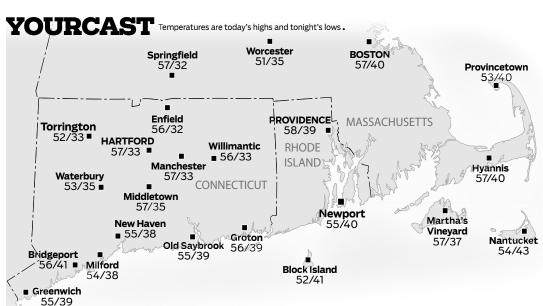
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HIGH Mostly cloudy and HIGH a bit cooler than normal.

SUNDAY

43°







San Juan

WORLD

Amsterdam

Tucson

Athens

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Beirut

Berlin

Bermuda

Bangkok

Barbados

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Salt Lake City 64 51 PC

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OUTLOOK

Richard Adams wrote "Human beings say, 'It never rains but it pours.' This is not very apt, for it frequently does rain without pouring. The bunnies' proverb is better expressed. They say, 'One cloud feels lonely': and indeed, it is true that the sky will soon be overcast." Wednesday will be the opposite, after a few lonely early clouds, the sky will become sunny, and temperatures will hop into the 50s. Thursday will be sunny, then there will be mixed clouds and sun Friday. Saturday will be more to the bunnies liking as the lonely morning cloud turns into an overcast sky by late afternoon.

1.2

0.9

New Haven

Stamford

-Gary Lessor

30-day Precipitation History In Inches

Precipitation In Inches Total Normal Yesterday (by 7 p.m.) 1.46 0.13 Month to date 5.06 Total this year

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2.42 14.54 12.64 Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

Air Qual	ity Forecas High 6	t For Too	lay
Good 21		Moderate Trees	27°
Air Quality Today	Ultraviolet Index Today	Pollen Count Yesterday	Wind Chill Today

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:03 a.m.	6:02 a.m.
Sunset	7:36 p.m.	7:37 p.m.
Moonrise	a.m.	12:44 a.m.
Moonset	8:34 a.m.	9:30 a.m.

Moon Phase			
Last	New	First	Full
Apr 23	Apr 30	May 8	May 16

Stockholm

Svdnev

Tokyo

Toronto

Warsaw

Vancouver

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54 43 R

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63 50 C

46 34 PC

57 43 R

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106 79 SH

70 48 S

57 43 C

84 63 PC

70 50 R

72 50

93 73

61 46

Kingston Lisbon

London

Madrid

Milan

Montreal

Moscow

Nassau

Paris

Rome

Seoul

Prague

New Delhi

Mexico City

58 36 PC

75 55 S

85 76 PC

91 72 PC

55 45 S

57 40 PC

59 34 PC

73 70 PC

59 45 C

77 63 Т

Budapest

Cairo

Dubai

Dublin

Edinburgh

Hong Kong

Helsinki

Istanbul

Jerusalem

Johannesburg 64 48 PC

Cancun

Buenos Aires

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0.0	4/3	4/10	4/17
Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	12:23 a.m.	7:22 a.m.	51°
	1:01 p.m.	7:23 p.m.	
Saybrook Jetty	1:34 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	50°
	2:12 p.m.	8:16 p.m.	
Connecticut River	4:17 a.m.	a.m.	
at Portland	4:55 p.m.	12:01 p.m.	
Madison	1:56 a.m.	8:22 a.m.	49°
	2:35 p.m.	8:34 p.m.	

River Stage at Hartford: 11.23 feet at 6:30 p.m.

2:20 a.m.

2:16 a.m. 8:46 a.m.

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2:59 p.m. 9:12 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

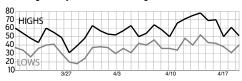
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Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	MSunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	W, 10-20	W, 15-25	W, 15-25
Seas	2-5 ft.	3-5 ft.	4-7 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Tuesday	51 at 10:15 p.m	40 at 2:11 a.m
Normal for date	62	40
Record for date	96 in 1976	26 in 1926
A year ago	67	44
Range this year	78	-2

Last **Heating Degree Days** Season Normal Season For July 1 - April 19 5025 5523 5102

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere High Low 29.41 at 8 a.m. Barometer 30.00 at 12 a.m. Dew point 45° at 9 a.m. 26° at 6 p.m.

KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms **Atlantic City** 59 39 S

Bismarck

Charleston

Cincinnati

Cleveland

Indianapolis

Jacksonville

Miami Beach

Las Vegas

Milwaukee

GOLF TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Boise

Buffalo

Event adds three top-30 golfers to field in June

AROUND THE WORLD Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above.

Nashville

New York

Okla. City

Omaha

Orlando

Raleigh

St. Louis

San Antonio

San Diego

Pittsburgh

New Orleans

56 29 PC 61 40 C

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71 52 S

63 53 PC

56 49 PC

58 48 C

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83 63 S

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NEW ENGLAND

Bangor

Caribou

Concord

Montpelie

Mt. Wash.

Woods Hole

NATION

Albany

Portland

Burlington

51 29 PC

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55 29 PC

45 26 PC

19 15 PC

54 34 PC

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51 34 PC

Albuquerque 81 50 S

Abraham Ancer, Joaquín Niemann and Will Zalatoris have all committed to play in the Travelers Championship in June, bringing three more top-30 players to the field.

This trio gives us three more highly-ranked players in a field that continues to add the world's best," Travelers Championship tournament director Nathan Grube said. "They've all been having solid seasons, and they fit perfectly into the competitive event we want to deliver our fans."

Ancer, ranked 18th in the world, got his first win on the PGA Tour last year, winning the World Golf Championships-FedEx St. Jude Invitational. The 31-year-old has played the Travelers five times. His best finish was a fourth placein 2021.

Niemann, ranked 16th, became the first player from Chile to win on the PGA Tour in A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier in 2019, He won the Genesis Invitational in February along with two other top-10 finishes. The 23-year-old is playing in the Travelers for the fifth year in a row. His best finish was a tie for fifth in 2019.

Zalatoris was the PGA's rookie of the year

in 2021 with eight top-10 finishes, including second at the Masters, a tie for sixth at the U.S. Open and a tie for eighth in the PGA Championship. The 25-year-old has four top-10 finishes this season and is ranked

"Abraham, Joaquín and Will represent the newest generation of PGA Tour stars and it has been exciting to see them contend week after week," said Andy Bessette, executive vice president and chief administrative officer at Travelers. "In addition to their tremendous skill on the golf course, they are all driven to be the best. We're looking forward to seeing them compete at the Travelers Championship in June."

Scottie Scheffler, the recent Masters champion, Patrick Cantlay, Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas, Dustin Johnson, Xander Schauffele, Brooks Koepka and Bubba Watson have all committed to the 2022 Travelers Championship that will take place at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell on June 20-26.

Gates open to all spectators starting June 22. Tickets go on sale Wednesday, visit www. TravelersChampionship.com.

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Cup from Page 1

where we are going. Local rival, which is brilliant, and an MLS team, so the challenge is there for everybody to throw down the gauntlets."

"It's really exciting as it gives everybody a bit of a lift," said defender Tom Brewitt. "We are going into the game quietly confident and hopefully going to give them a run for their money."

Hartford's biggest issue has been converting goals. In five USL games the team is averaging less than a goal per game. Watling has emphasized practicing goal-scoring opportunities at practice.

'It's the final third, we are creating more chances than the teams we are playing against and finding the ball more times than teams we are playing against, but it's about putting it in the back of the net now," he said. "Once that clicks, I think

The basics

Time: 7 p.m. Venue: Trinity Health Stadium, Hartford **Opponent:** New York Red Bulls, 3-2-2, third place in Eastern Conference of Major League Soccer. TV: WCTX MyTV9 Livestream: ESPN+ or hartfordathletic.com/watch

everybody will take a deep breath. Our approach to the goal is brilliant and the chances to create are really good. It's just about having the conviction and the confidence to put it in the net."

While the game is a big one for the team as a whole. for Wethersfield native Jimmy Slayton it's even more special. The goalkeeper will make his second start for the Athletic.

"It means a lot," he said. "The fact I signed here initially, that was a huge thing for me being able to come home after being away

for a while. The community is really important to me and my family is super important to me. This Cup's in my backvard. I'm hoping to get a good result in a huge match. It means everything to me to play in front of my friends and family."

It will be the second time the Athletic will participate in the U.S. Open Cup. They debuted in 2019 and defeated the New York Cosmos B, 2-1 and then lost to Memphis 901 FC 4-0 in their second game. In 2020 and 2021 the event was canceled due to COVID-19.

For Hartford and other USL teams, the Cup is an opportunity to showcase their talents and aim for the \$300,000 grand prize.

"We've got to make it difficult for them and can't allow them to come in here to show they're the team from the league above," Brewitt said. "I think we are all good enough and where we are all trying to get to. We've got to show fight."

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